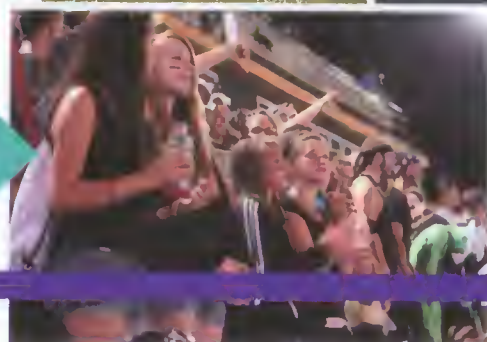


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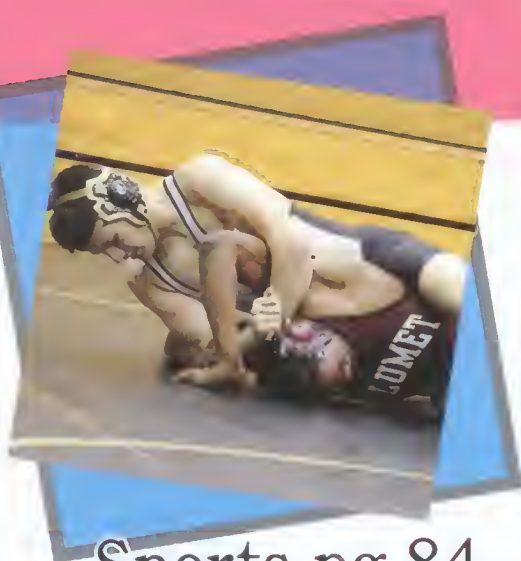
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 Bobbi Davis, 11, Deziree' Walker, 12, Cornelius Jemison, 11
 Ben Stassin, 9
 Kylie Gannon, 9, Sidney Hero, 9 and Alex Soy, 9
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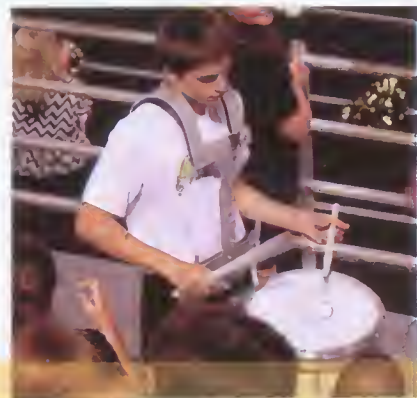
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Enrollment: 887

Girls: 463

Boys: 424



Pictured from top clockwise: Pantherettes, Jesse Gates, 10
Ali Acevedo, 12, Destiny Barajas, 12, Shania White, 10,
Armando Cordova, 12, Jordan Long, 12, Brandon Garcia, 11.



While performing on the football field at halftime, the band forms the letter "G" that they worked hard to create. "Playing for the band is something that can't be described. Adrenaline is running, you're always worrying about how you sound and what you look like and always making sure you are on the right beat," said sophomore Ashleigh Rétie.

Remembering the times that helped shape our lives 2012-2013

Everyone remembers their four years of high school differently based on their own individual experiences. Whether one finds joy in their memories of Friday night football games, such as the highly anticipated match against New Prairie, or afternoons spent at the Grindhouse Cafe with friends, these moments help define, and shape, a student's high school career.

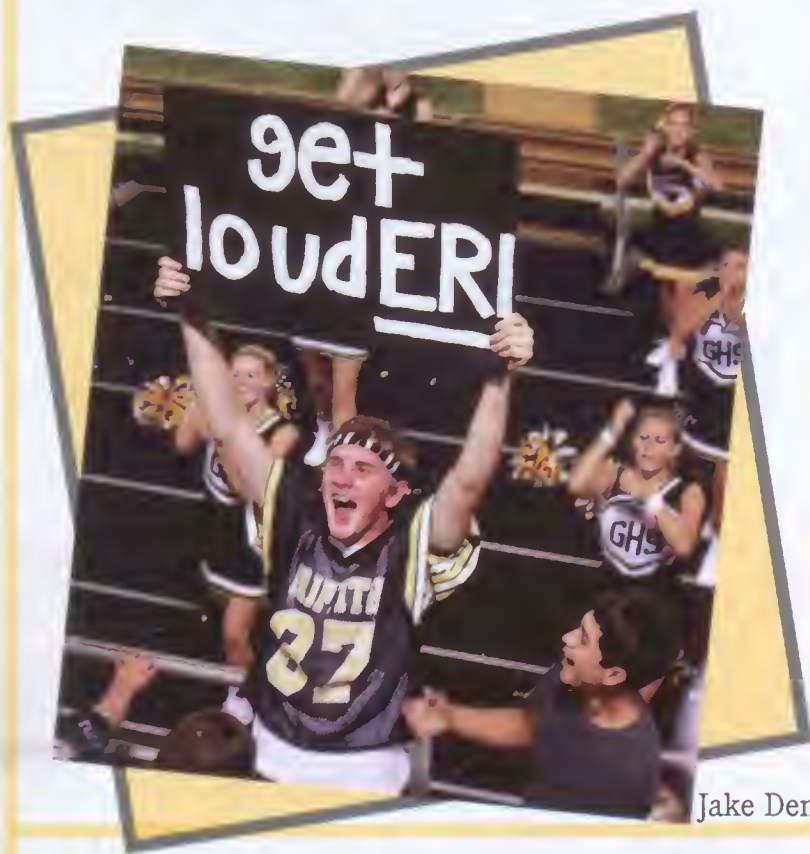
High school marks the first and the last occasions for many students. Some examples include a freshman's first day of high school or a senior's last Homecoming dance. Each milestone marks a memory that an individual may never forget, a different journey for each graduating class. The freshmen class embarking on a new ship to an unknown land, while the forgotten year, being the sophomores, weasel their way through to become upperclassmen. Unfortunately, the juniors began the well-known hardest year of high school and deal with the late nights that are bound to happen. Lastly, the seniors are at the top, "running" the school and enjoying their many lasts that high school has to offer. For example, the well-known senior prank that the senior class got together and camped out in the parking lot, or even the senior cook out which serves as a last time to be with everyone.

The memories soon accumulate over the years varying from a win in a big game or even memories held between classes similar to the AP English class. "Throughout my high school career I have experienced many events and created many memories. However, none compare to those in what is known as the "V-clav's" [Vaclavik] class. One of my fondest memories in her class was constantly stealing Edgar Allen Poe [the doll], and hiding him in various places throughout the room. Also, when giving the most important speech of my life, my voice cracked in the opening sentence. There are many more memories but it would be impossible to condense them all. The enriched English class has been together for nearly four years and I will miss them all when we graduate," said senior Jordan Long, a member of the class.

These memories allow students to get out of their comfort zone and actually enjoy all the activities that high school has to offer them. Ironically, even a punishment can implant memories into ones' head, such as an "after class" always said by J.R. Ford, Spanish, when inappropriate words are heard or actions are conducted. Even a small tumble up the stairs while making your way to class can leave a memory that a student is able to replay in their head.

For Griffith High School, no two days were ever the same. Whether it was the late start Tuesdays that came into effect this year or just a simple occurrence that started off the day--which includes a fight between two friends in the hallway. One thing was always expected and known at the high school; each situation would get around the school in a matter of thirty minutes or one class hour throughout the day.

Each memory that occurred throughout the year consisting of Jim Pickett's, Social Studies Department, jokes, Bill Cope, Principal, incentive to expressing pride, or even the memories of each class chanting to each other at the famous "Homecoming Activities Day" help to shape the students of Griffith High School. These four years are a time to change as an individual and eventually spend a lifetime reflecting on the memories Griffith offered the student body.



Jake Dennison, 12

Before the bell rings at 8 a.m., the day is usually just beginning for the student body. The parking lot fills up with upperclassmen and the hallways are crowded with groups of friends stealing a conversation before the first class began. Some students may have met with their teachers to get extra one-on-one time to improve their grades or to have private conversations with them as a mentor.

Once the bell rang five minutes before eight, the student body scurries along to make it on time to their class—due to the school's new direction with the tardy policy (tardies accumulate over the seven classes instead of just one) a sight that never gets old at Griffith High School. Throughout the new ten period day, versus the old seven period day, students eagerly sat in their classes, whether AP, CORE, or elective classes, and learned the material that was expected of them to know for final exams. Students anxiously awaited the three o'clock dismissal bell that allowed for them to be “free” from the rules of the school everyday. However, each student's life goes beyond the walls of GHS. It may start in the hallways but it is carried out into the small town of Griffith, Indiana.

Remember when the student section got together and created “theme nights” for the football games, which consisted of a black out, a neon out, and a toga night at Morton High School. This allowed for a group of students to enjoy the lasts of high school, or even the firsts. Do you remember jumping into the photo booth that was provided by Student Council during the Homecoming dance? Students flocked to this area to create memories through a camera. Even the annual coffee night that was put on by the Choir department created a memory that was unexpected. Coffee night was moved to the cafeteria due to a bad storm that swept the area. Hopefully some students remember the election of President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney. This sparked conversations between friends and even arguments about who was the better candidate and who to vote for. Most importantly, Hurricane Sandy is one memory that many students are bound to never forget. This storm affected the east coast and reassembled the hit movie “2012.” Strong winds affected our area but left the rest of the nation in shambles.

Some students may remember the dreaded month of May, where many students got together and conducted “McStudy” sessions at McDonald's to prepare for the dreaded finals or even the AP exams that many students took. Each moment made a handful of memories for students. These moments helped to define the four years an individual spends in high school and allowed for the student body to



Coming together as one



"Dig Pink" girls volleyball game



Al Hassan, 12



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After winning Griffith's Homecoming game against Highland 41-14, the football team conducted a "Breakdown". During the breakdown, the entire team shouted "Niners!", which was the next team that they were going to play. "During Coach Pickett's first year managing the varsity football team, he inspired us and has created unity among our family," said junior Ross Smith.

Changes are *inevitable*

Students adapt to new changes

The most important change to Griffith High School this year was our new principal, Bill Cope and his contagious school spirit. As principal, Cope is the man in charge of these changes. One of his goals for this school year was to encourage school spirit, or "Pride". Teachers wore black and gold on Fridays to show panther pride. This encouragement of school spirit sparked a trend that swept across the school. Students created themes for each football game, such as toga, blackout and neon night. With so much spirit among the students, they made the decision to fight for the traditional homecoming activities day, complete with games such as the object relay, pie find, balloon pop and limbo. Faculty agreed to let the students enjoy these games with the hopes of increasing the spirit. "I superfan because it is exciting and I enjoy cheering on the boys. Mr. Cope's encouragement of spirit will be beneficial to our school," said senior Sarah Galambos.

Of all the improvements, the most unexpected was the changes to the class schedules. Late start Tuesdays, ten period days, and three separate lunches threatened to take away the everyday schedule that students were used to. Despite every student's belief, these changes were made to improve the school, not as an attempt to frustrate students. "Late start Tuesdays give me a chance to catch up with my friends and the coffee helps me wake up before a long day," said junior Brooke Maglish. Not only do students attend ten class periods daily but they are also required to follow the new tardy policy. Instead of being punished according to their overall tardies for every class, tardies are added up in each individual class. However, the consequences have been changed to accommodate these guidelines. Students are now allowed two warnings instead of one. Students are asked to attend a lunch detention, which have been created for students who receive a third tardy.

Prior to last year, lockers were never an option of change. Seniors and junior lockers were in the English and science hallway, sophomore lockers were in the upstairs hallway, and freshmen lockers were located in the Willy Wonka hallway. However, the locker locations were changed during the 2011-2012 school year, moving freshmen into the English hallway and seniors were then found in the Willy Wonka hallway. Luckily, lockers were moved back to their original spots this year. However, seniors lost their seniority when choosing parking passes. In the past, students picked parking passes according to their grade, with seniors having first pick. With no seniority, seniors were forced to fight for the best spots, while juniors received them instead. With every change comes adaptation and this change was no different for the students affected by it. "I do not think it's fair that juniors are able to take the parking spots that seniors deserve," said senior Kassy Lopez.



➔ During the varsity game against New Prairie, head coach Jim Pickett talks to his team about their next play. "Coach Pickett's strategies are very organized, but the team is not completely used to them yet," said senior Cory Dugan.

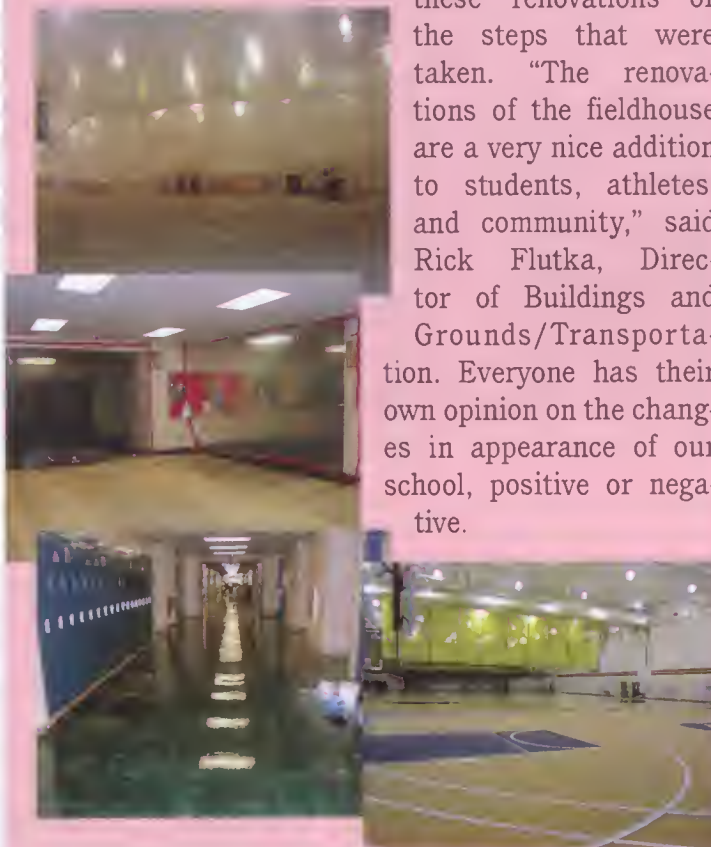


➔ While monitoring the audience, principal Bill Cope enjoys the varsity football game against New Prairie. Cope previously worked as an intern principal at Griffith during the 2005-2006 school year. "It's great to be back at Griffith working with students and staff," said Cope.

Renovations

Before students began their year at Griffith High School, many renovations were made to the school to improve its appearance. Some changes included the new carpet, the large "G" in the main hallway, and the improved fieldhouse. "The new carpet is not as attractive as the old carpet," said sophomore Janna Darnell-Mendez. While students took notice in these changes, no one realized the work that was put into

these renovations or the steps that were taken. "The renovations of the fieldhouse are a very nice addition to students, athletes, and community," said Rick Flutka, Director of Buildings and Grounds/Transportation. Everyone has their own opinion on the changes in appearance of our school, positive or negative.



➔ In order to serve his rightful punishment, sophomore Stefan Million sits in lunch detention alone. "After I received three tardies in all of my classes, I was forced to attend lunch detention," said Million.

Activities Day

To avoid separation of grades, this year Activities Day was split into four teams, Pickett, Fronek, Orkis, and Cope. Each member of the activity competed in an effort for their team leader to win.



Senior Prank

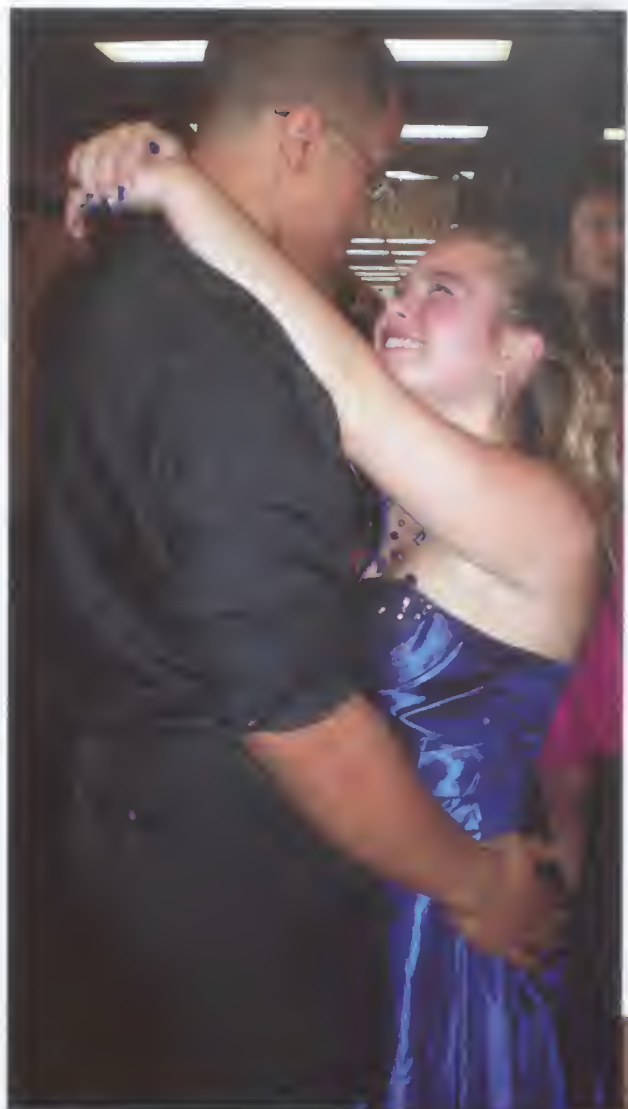


Only one word is needed here- WOAH. The class of 2013 took it to the next level. A senior prank is an understatement; this was more of a senior domination.

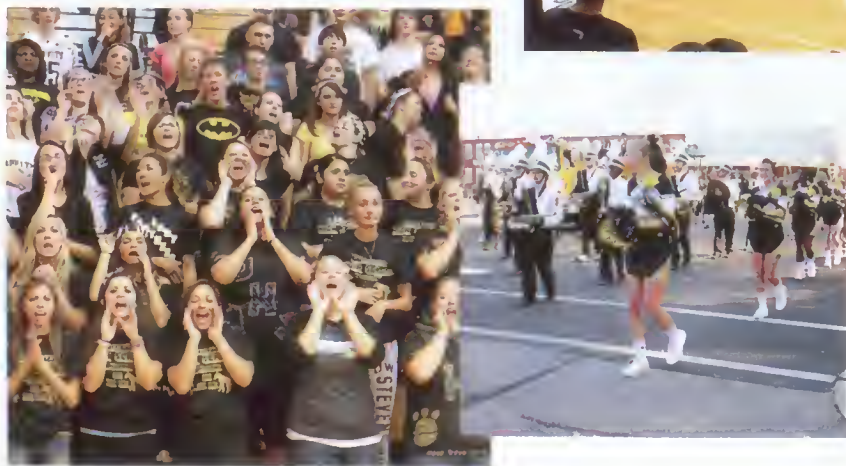
The most admirable part of this night was the uniting of everyone. No matter what clique they were from, the seniors all came together to do prove their superiority over all other grades.



➔ Excited to enter the dance, junior Jody Cunningham hugs her boyfriend, senior Cory Dunagan, before an entertaining night filled with dancing. "Cory and I had been looking forward to the dance for a long time. We enjoyed the night dancing and just being together," said Cunningham.



➔ Getting everyone excited for the Homecoming game, the cheerleaders perform one of their chants to encourage everyone's support. "We all tried our hardest to get everyone excited for the game," said sophomore Rebecca Carpenter.



Bringing back *tradition* :

Students make history

When the word "Homecoming" is said at GHS, most students have a negative attitude because of the traditions taken away last year. Luckily for students, our administration was generous enough to grant us back some of the old traditions. Student Council chose the song "Wild Ones" by Flo Rida for this year's theme. Jungle decorations at the dance, T-shirts, and tickets attempted to portray this song as the Panthers being unstoppable and wildly ecstatic about bringing home a win for our Homecoming game.

This year, the students were able to have a more creative Spirit Week again. Monday was Dress Up day, where students dress to impress. Club pictures were also taken at this time. Tuesday was Camouflage Day, where students dressed in a variety of army and hunting apparel. Wednesday was Nerd Day, where students tried to imitate their best impression of a nerd. Thursday was Decade Day, where students got to dress up from any decade, and Friday was Homecoming T-shirt/Black and Gold Day, where students showed off their Panther spirit.

The seniors were able to have a prank again this year. Since they were not allowed in the school, they decided to do all of their pranks in the parking lot. Some of their pranks included: a "soccer field" in the fieldhouse entrance, a pool filled with fish, trampolines in the middle of the parking lot, saran wrapping the entrance of the school, spray-painted signs hung around the entrance, a life-sized horse on top of the Wiggs Street entrance, and many more. Unfortunately, administration took down all of their decorations before any other

students saw it. The senior class was featured on the radio station, WJOB, for having the best senior prank of all time.

"The seniors went all out this year. We all thought of a ton of ideas for pranks. We put all of our cliques and judgments aside and came together for one night. It was truly one of the best nights of my life," said senior Manon Carter.

Instead of another Pep Rally, administration brought back Activities Day. There were different rules though. To avoid friction between classes, students competed in four different teams according to certain faculty members. Brian Orkis [Dean], Bill Cope [Principal], Justin Fronek [Vice Principal], and Jim Pickett [History] each had their own team. Activities included Tug-of War, Limbo, Popcorn Toss, Toilet Paper Mummies, Pie Find, and Relays. The animosity amongst the classes was present for yet another Activities Day. Because of threats from the juniors to ruin the senior prank, the seniors carried over their grudge in the chants.

For the game, the Griffith Panthers faced the Highland Trojans. The Trojans were an easy target for the Panthers. The unstoppable senior Austin Brown scored four touchdowns during the game. Junior Varsity players also had the chance to play during the entire fourth quarter. The final score was 41-14.

The Homecoming dance took place the following night at 6:30 p.m. The fieldhouse was decked out with wild decorations and students danced the night away. All in all, the entire Homecoming week was an eventful week for all students.

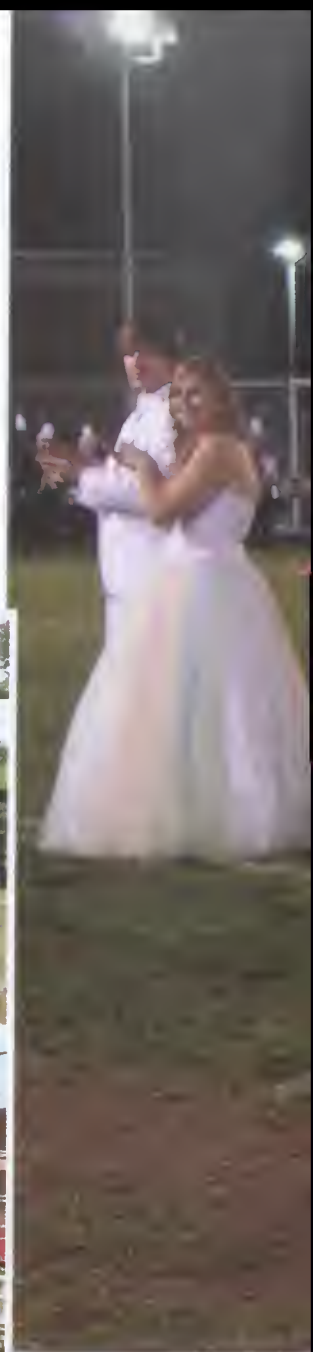
➔ With saran wrap around the entrance of the school along with various other pranks, the seniors are pleased with the outcome of their senior prank. "Our senior prank was insane. We were all really mad that no one could see it," said senior Julie Duvnjak.

➔ Perfecting her last Homecoming shirt, senior Anna Steinhubel supports the senior class on the back of her shirt. "It was a bittersweet feeling to be making my last Homecoming T-shirt, but we made sure to go out with a bang," said Steinhubel.



➔ Seniors Joey Golub, Brett Brinkley, Austin Brown, and Ben Parish walked out to meet the Highland Trojans captains. "We really wanted to go out there and bring home a win, not only for ourselves but for each other. Losing wasn't an option," said Parish.

➔ Junior Brooke Maglish and sophomore Brianne Robertson talk to their boyfriends, freshmen Jordan Galinda and Anthony Quintero, before the music begins. "We were all really excited to dance. I just wish the music was better," said Robertson.



Homecoming Court 2012



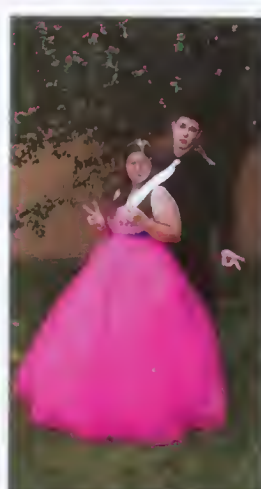
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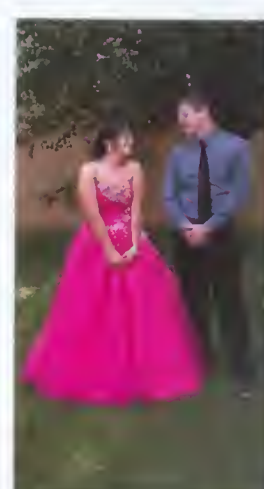
Tom Duncan & Brooke Pospychala



Brian Corrie & Caylee Adams



Jack Kessey & Taylor Louie



Austin Brown & Miryea Cisneros



→ Homecoming king from 2011, Ben Reitz, hugs this year's queen, senior Taylor Louie, after the crowning ceremony. "It was so exciting winning Homecoming queen. I was really glad that Ben [Reitz] crowned me since we're really close," said Louie.

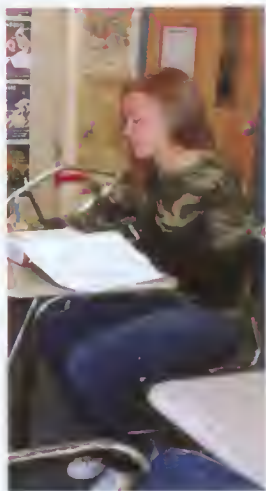
→ Juniors Jordan Grady, Brandon Dyer, Rodney Lewis, Erick Johnson, Kyla Manning and Kamille Manning share a laugh at TGI Fridays after the Homecoming dance. "All of our festivities carried over after the dance," said Dyer.



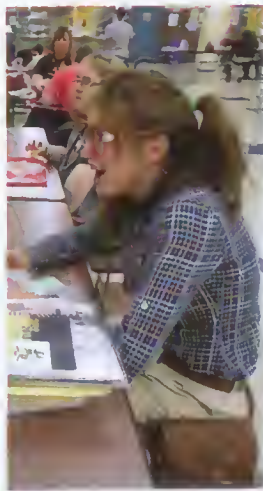
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Mark Plawecki, 11



Camouflage Day
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Nerd Day
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Decade Day
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Black/Gold Day
Blaire Gearhart &
Sydney Lidster, 12

Taking a *break* from studies:

Students enjoy the weekend

➔ Freshman Brian Brzycki spends his weekend taking time out to practice for ping pong. "I spend a few hours every weekend to practice for upcoming competitions. All of the competitions are stressful but I enjoy going to them," said Brzycki.

➔ Trying to stay warm while walking around college campuses, seniors Julie Duvnjak and Emily Kuzmanoff learn more about Purdue University. "Using the weekend to take college tours is a great and easy way to learn more about the campus," said Kuzmanoff.



Winding down on the weekends

The weekend is a time for Griffith students to relax and catch up on their social lives after a full week of studying. On Fridays, all students are excited to show their Panther Pride at football games, go out with their friends to restaurants, or even have time to themselves at home. Some students enjoy seeing shows at the Showplace 12 or 16 theater and at concerts shown at the Star Plaza and other auditoriums. Sophomore Zach Diamond believes going out to enjoy the outdoors is better than staying inside.

"Going on road trips and participating in activities outside allows so many greater possibilities to happen. There are multiple opportunities that you can accomplish while being outside or around more friends," said Diamond.

Sophomore Cesar Rodriguez has a different opinion on how he likes to spend his weekends. "Making plans to do indoor activities is a better idea because weather can delay outdoor hang-outs such as parks or different sporting events. Staying in allows you to have a good time without as many worries." Whether students stay in or go out, there is always something productive to do in Griffith.



➔ Keeping each other motivated, seniors Jack Kessey and Andrew Fowler work out together at Fuel Fitness during their long-awaited weekends. "Working out on the weekends releases the stress that builds up from a long week of school," said Fowler.



Ways to have a *perfect* weekend!

Food



On the first night of fall break, students got together for their traditional monthly get together at senior Allison Meece's house. "Fondue Friday is a spectacular tradition. It's an awesome way to stay close, get together, and eat chocolate," said senior Sean Downs.

Games

Playing air hockey in senior Anna Steinhubel's basement, senior Shannon Kunka is having a great time. "Hanging at Anna's house leads to great memories that I'll always remember. I'm the champion in every game of air hockey, no matter who I play," said Kunka.



Bonding



Bonding at a bonfire, juniors Abbi Kik, Cassi Root, and Jenna DeRolf warm up on Halloween night. "Now that I'm feeling too old to trick-or-treat, having a bonfire is still a great way to hang out with my friends on the holiday," said Kik.



➔ Freshman Erica Kik spends a family day out at County Line Apple Orchard to get excited and prepare for the upcoming fall season. "It was a dry season for apples and many of them were found in the gutters, but I was lucky to find a few apples on the trees," said Kik.



➔ Showing as much spirit as they can with jerseys and painted faces, juniors Vickie Smith and Brianne Basham cheer on the U.S. Women's National soccer team at Toyota Park. "I got the chance to meet my idol while hanging with my best friends," said Basham.

Every student is *unique*

But we are all united

➔ While eating lunch in the cafeteria on Monday afternoon, senior Sydney Lidster helps her boyfriend, junior Joey Dalton with his French III homework. "We have been dating for two months and things are going swell," said Lidster.

➔ Instead of eating in the lunch room, seniors Natalie Jancosek and Lindsay Norrick enjoyed lunch in the English hall. Norrick was showing Jancosek the new chapter in her book. "Natalie and I are inseparable," said Norrick.



Connections of Griffith High School



Sophomore Amber Holley is best friends with freshman Austin Roberts.



Freshman Austin Roberts' sister is junior Rebecca Roberts.



Junior Rebecca Roberts neighbor is freshman Nathan Coglianese.



Freshman Nathan Coglianese is best friends with sophomore Kevin Wilson.



Sophomore Kevin Wilson is friends with sophomore Amber Holley.

➔ While sitting in the lunchroom, seniors Jamie Rex and Jacob Loomis talk about their day. "We have been dating for three years and we don't look at our relationship as a relationship because we are basically just best friends," said Rex.



➔ After leaving Thom Howell's college prep class, sisters senior Sammi Adams and freshman Rachel Adams walk to lunch. "We are really close and never really fight. It is really easy for us to get along," said Sammi Adams.

➔ Teammates and best friends, sophomores Jordan Avalos and Cesar Rodriguez talk about how they thought the game at Bishop Noll would go. "I thought we were going to play a awesome game," said Avalos.



At the start of the 2012-2013 school year, Mr. Bill Cope took the position of principal at Griffith High School. Cope has made it his primary goal to connect with each and every student while he is in charge. "I made an effort to speak to the students and talk to them as individuals to show that I am interested in their well-being," said Cope.

Every morning, Cope shared the daily announcements over the intercom, which consisted of the Pledge and other miscellaneous activities that were to happen throughout the remainder of the week. "Mr. Cope is connecting with the student body because he is interactive with all the students," said senior Angel Nunez.

Cope has made an influence not only during school hours but at football games as well. He attends every football game and shares his spirit with the student section. "Mr. Cope always shows up to the football games and supports the school and the team," said Nunez.

At the end of activities day on Friday September 28, Cope even started a cheer that every student involved themselves in. "Principal Cope shows the student body that he actually cares about the school," said freshman Lily Maravilla.



Life after *three* o'clock:

Jobs, hobbies, and subs, oh my!



→ Seniors Blaire Gearhart and Jackie Johns spend their time painting together. "Jackie and I have been able to do the two things we love together, hang out with each other and paint. Painting has become addicting to us," said Gearheart.



→ Working as a secretary at the local YMCA, senior Jamie Rex puts away new gym memberships before finishing her shift. "I love working at the YMCA. I like working with children and working on the computers," said Rex.



→ Jamming out, junior Brian Stinett plays some catchy beats on his drum set. "I've been playing for nine years. I have a band with four other people and we're called 'Blind Tiger.' Playing the drums is a stress reliever for me," said Stinnett.



→ Senior Kelsie Lunsford trains senior Tom Duncan how to fry tortillas on his first day of work at Taco Bell. "Making tacos at Taco Bell is actually easy but wrapping them is the hard part," said Duncan. Senior Kim Dye also works with Lunsford and Duncan.

Loving the trails

Students play in the dirt



"I got my first bike when I was five for Christmas. Now I just keep getting new ones and I get to continue to do something I enjoy a lot," said junior Nick Long.

"I have been riding since I was six. I love the feeling of hitting the jumps. Motocross is just a good escape from things in life," said junior Danny Ditrach.



➔ Folding the paper in abstract ways, senior Patrick Weber makes different origami figures. "Origami is something that keeps my mind off school and gives me something to do when I'm bored too," said Weber.

➔ While in choir class, junior Kyle Buikema sits down on the piano and entertains the class with his music. "I started off by playing simple *Coldplay* songs on the piano and then over the past few years I've just continued to progress," said Buikema.



Eat Fresh, *Work* Fresh

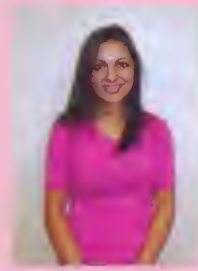
Students bring paychecks home



"I like that I'm able to make my own money and I get to be close with my co-workers," said junior Sarah Koliboski.



"Subway has a great atmosphere and I enjoy working with a small amount of people," said senior Myles Collins.



"I've been working at Subway for two years and I have created great memories with my co-workers," said senior Sierra Guterrez.

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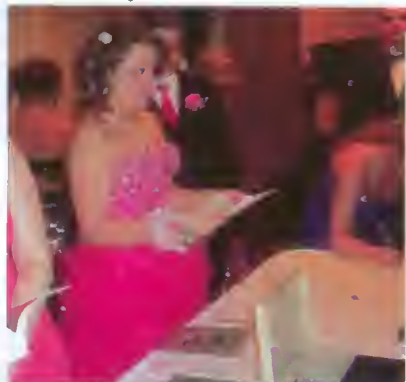
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➔ With their hands in the air, seniors Allie Meece, Andy Duhon, and Anna Steinhubel open up the dance floor for the night. "I really enjoyed the dance with my awesome date. We danced to every song," said Meece. The group clapped their hands for the "Cha-Cha-Slide."

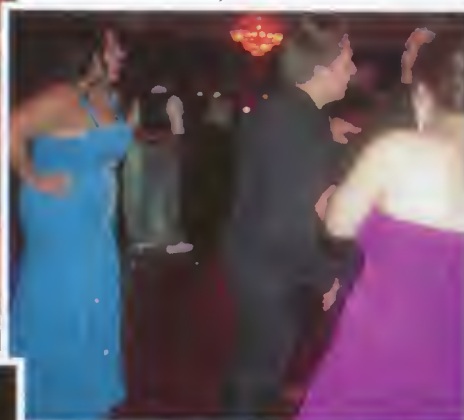
➔ "The slow songs made the night more romantic and serious," said senior Dylan Lambert. Lambert danced with his girlfriend, senior Michelle Urena. The couple slow danced at the dance, but afterwards rented a party bus and danced all night long.



Melissa Vieyra, 11



Alisondra Acevedo, 12



Shania White, 10



Tristin Olsen, 11



Whether alone or *together*

Students feel "Wanted"

The sophomore class council presented "Wanted" by Hunter Hayes on January 18, 2013. The dance began at seven o'clock and ended at ten, but the doors opened at six. The dance was located at the usual location, the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. The sophomore students decided to decorate the hall with lavender and white with silver accents. Tickets were \$40 for a couple and \$25 for a single person.

"This was my first turnabout and the dance exceeded my expectations. I really enjoyed the music and I danced literally all night with my friends," said senior Sierra Gutierrez.

"My favorite part of turnabout was probably the finger food and snacks," said junior Tyler Palinca. The turnabout dance had a variety of food choices including mozzarella sticks, chicken wings, and fresh fruit. The dance also had unlimited drinks for the whole night.

The turnabout court included sophomores Alexis Atkinson, Aaron Brown, Brienne Robertson, Lawrence Mosley, Kourtney Washick, Nathan Szabo, Sarah Dodson, Robert Hernandez, Emilie Martoccio, and Alexander Kepchar. Sophomore Aaron Brown was voted Prince with Alexis Atkinson as Princess. "I did not expect to win at all, but it was an overwhelming experience and really special for me to be voted by my peers," said Atkinson.

The DJ for this year's Turnabout dance was The Music Boyz. "The DJ wasn't to my liking, but I still enjoyed my time with my friends," said junior Rebecca Perez. The same DJ was rented for last year's turnabout and prom.

After the dance, most students had plans to go out to a fancy dinner and rent a limo or party bus. For sophomore Taylor Dunagan the "after party" was a bit rough. "Our party bus broke down on the way to Chicago which sucked. All of sudden, the lights turned off and the music stopped. I was so scared that I screamed. We had to wait an hour and thirty minutes for a different limo to pick us up and take us home. Even though our night didn't go as we planned it, we still managed to have fun," said Dunagan. In the end, the group got picked up by a Hummer limo and received their money in return.

The turnabout weekend played out perfectly on the calendar. Students got a three day weekend due to January 21, 2013 being observed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For the long weekend senior Melissa Martinez and her cousin junior Marisa Rios spent the whole weekend in Chicago, Illinois. The cousins stayed at the Marriott Hotel with their boyfriends seniors Tyler Pena and Jordan Gonzalez. During their weekend away from Griffith the couples went ice-skating, ate at different restaurants in the city, and went shopping at the Watertower Place. "The long weekend was so awesome and relaxing, but it felt like it went by way too fast," said Gonzalez.

With the positive reactions from students and little conflict, the dance was an overall success. "The dance went by very smoothly and calm. I hope everyone had a wonderful time," said Rita Gray from the health department. At turnabout every person felt "Wanted" with their chance to enjoy their night and make memories for years to come.

Turnabout 2013

• **Friday, January 18, 2013**

7:00-10:00 PM

• **Avalon Manor**

**3550 East U.S.
Highway 30 - Merrillville,
Indiana**

• **"Wanted" by Hunter Hayes**

• **DJ- The Music Boyz**

• **\$40 per Couple
\$25 Single**

Patty Felton, 10

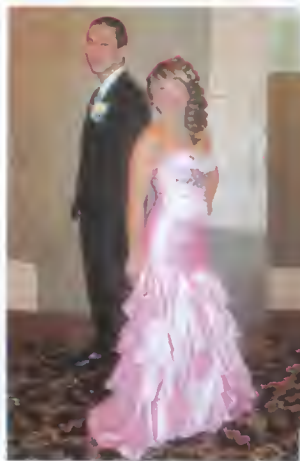
Celeste Villarruel, 10



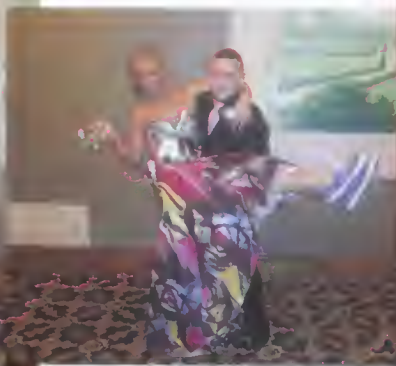
➔ Dancing the night away, senior Jackie Johns and her boyfriend, junior Josh Kime laugh while acting silly. "The dance was really exciting. I made the most out of it the whole night," said Kime. The couple was dancing to "Wobble" by VIC.

➔ Enjoying an alfredo pasta, sophomore Brittany Burbridge looks for her waitress. "We went to The Cheese-cake Factory in Chicago, Illinois on a party bus," said Burbridge. Burbridge went to the dance with her boyfriend, sophomore Nick Mosqueda.

Turnabout Court 2013



Sarah Dodson &
Robert Hernandez



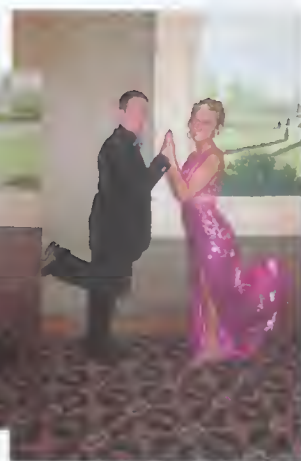
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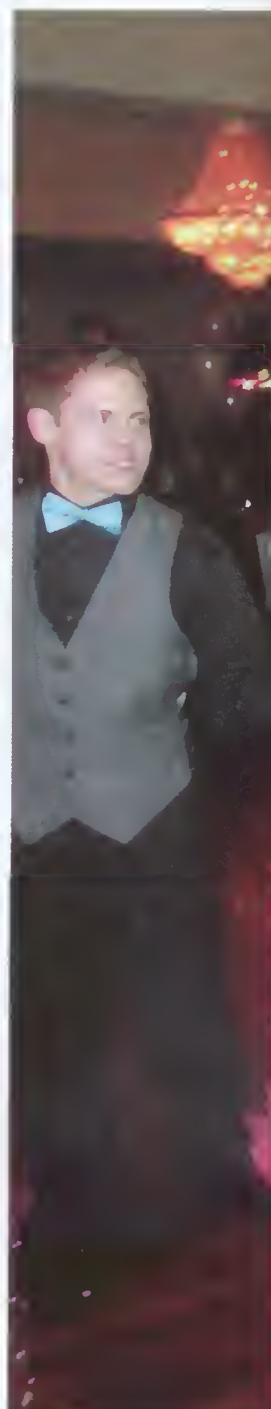
Emilie Martoccio &
Alexander Kepchar



➔ "I was dancing with my group of friends and having a good time," said sophomore Nick Johnson. Johnson danced with his friends sophomores Amber Holley, Celeste Villarruel, and Katie James to a slow song instead of dancing alone.



➔ With the crown in her hands, junior Tessa Trueblood crowns sophomore Aaron Brown as Turnabout prince. "I was really glad that I was able to crown Aaron. It reminded me of when his brother crowned me last year," said Trueblood.





➔ With a smile on her face, freshman Alissa Sims gets her hair done by junior Abby Kik. "Abbi did my hair for turnabout because she knows how to do it very well," said Sims. Kik has been practicing hairstyles for about two years with her mother.

➔ Dancing to "Wanted" by Hunter Hayes, junior Matt Colomes enjoys the slow dance with his date. "It was really nice to dance to a slow song for a change of speed," said Colomes. This was Colomes' second time attending the turnabout dance.



From *Past* to *Present*



"My freshman turnabout was more simple, casual, and more traditional compared to my senior turnabout which was more wild, crazy, and adventurous."

Sarah Kuna, 12

"This year I had one date and it was very amusing and entertaining. My freshman turnabout was pretty cool though because I had two awesome dates."

Michael Delpino, 11



"Freshman year was really fun and exciting because we got a limo, but this year we got a Hummer limo and I was in the same group as the turnabout prince and princess."

Tori Traicoff, 10

Keeping us *connected*

Students stay updated with culture

➔ In Jenna Berzy's government class, seniors Taylor Louie and Kassy Lopez discuss the latest world news. "We were learning about the Boston bombing during the marathon and how it affected us," said Lopez. The class always starts with the daily news.

Favorite Shows



"My favorite show is Spongebob Squarepants. It is a classic. It has been around since I was a little kid and I love it because it is so funny and makes me laugh all the time."

Bo Sanders, 9

"Workaholics is probably my favorite show right now. It is about these college guys who drop out and do funny things like pranks and such. It usually comes on every Tuesday night around eight o' clock."

Logan Ulrich, 10



"The best show in the whole world is The Office. It has a lot of my favorite actors. My favorite actor was Steve Carrel, but he left the show. Even without him, the show is still hilarious."

Taryn Grin, 11

"Sons of Anarchy is a really good show. It revolves around a motorcycle gang and the police. I know a lot of my friends watch this show and they enjoy it also. It is really suspenseful and full of action."

Michelle Urena, 12



Students rave about sports

✚ This year, there has been a numerous amount of significant sporting events that many students at Griffith High School crazed about. During summer of 2012, the Olympics were held in London. The United States team won 46 gold medals, 29 silver medals, and 29 bronze medals. The USA team dominated all other countries. "During the summer, I watched almost all the US womens' national soccer team games with my own soccer team," said junior Yadira Castellanos.

Many sporting events allow Griffith students to come closer together. The Superbowl held in February, caused many students to have Superbowl parties with friends. This year's Superbowl was held at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana with the match up between the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens. "I had a party at my house with all my friends and we ordered pizza and wings," said senior Derrick Kong.

Occurring in the month of March, the NCAA "March Madness" tournament had students making brackets and betting money on teams that they thought would win the tournament. "I made a huge bracket with about ten other classmates. For the final, we met up at Buffalo Wild Wings to watch the game," said sophomore Rodolfo Quintanilla. In the final, Michigan Wolverines played against the Louisville Cardinals in the National Championship. The final score for the game was 82-76 with Louisville winning the title.



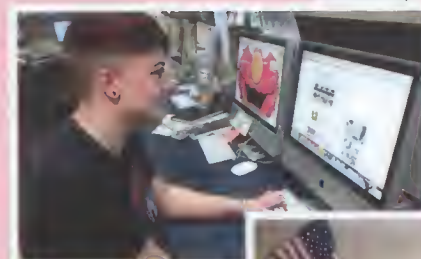
Tyler Pena, 12

Breaking world news that made headlines

In this past year, there has been multiple events that have made history in the United States. In early September, the presidential election began and students at Griffith High School were very open about discussing the different candidates. Many students posted Facebook status' about the election and had debates over the best candidate. For many seniors, this was the first year they could participate in the presidential election. "I actually got to vote this year and I felt more involved in the election," said senior Julia Saberniak.

A couple months later, the United States went through many big tragedies including Newtown, Connecticut with a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School and a bombing in Boston, Massachusetts. Both historical events happened in a matter of just six months. "Those horrific accidents made everyone in the United States feel slightly uncomfortable and kind of frightened," said sophomore Connor Guizor. After the gruesome affairs, Griffith High School students were able to see the impact the tragedies left behind. Students were faced with new rules inside the building which included the wearing of IDs and also alarms on doors throughout the school day. Even though the tragedies did not effect our area exactly, the long term effect can be seen everyday.

Terra Martin, 10



Teliya Loudenber, 9

Andrew Vera, 9

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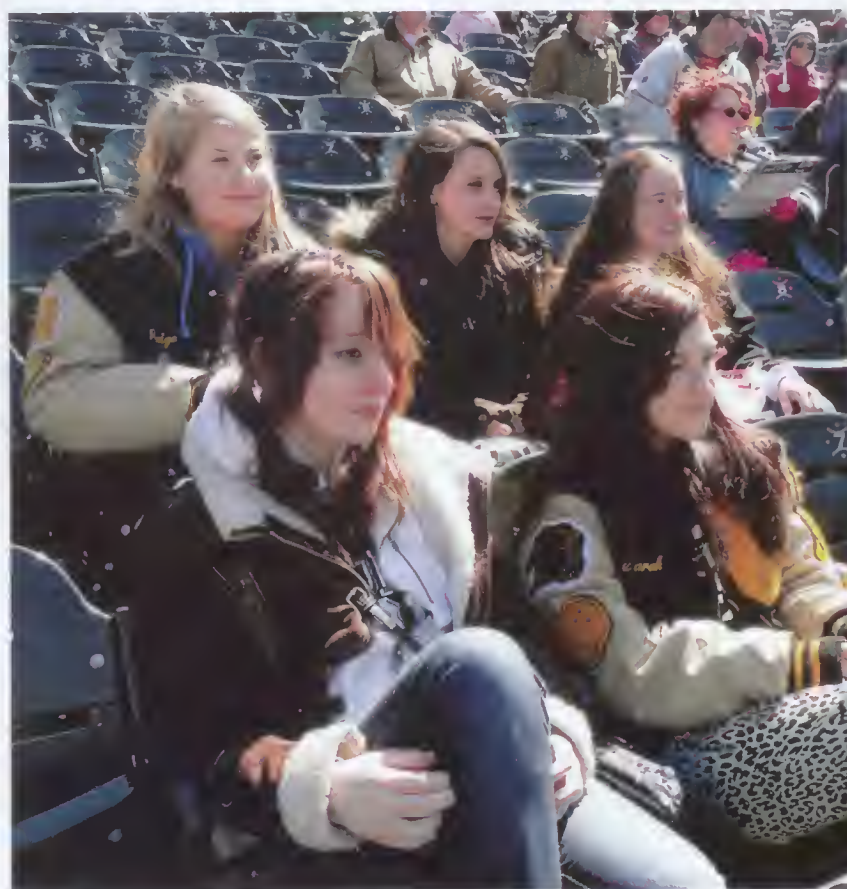
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➔ "The concert was seriously breathtaking and the best concert I have ever been to," said senior Lauren Gonzales. Gonzales and senior Katie Ray went to Warped Tour and saw Sleeping With Sirens and many other bands on July 7, 2012 at the First Midwest Amphitheater.

➔ Sitting in the stands of the Chicago White Sox stadium, juniors Paige Obermeyer, Chandler Adkins, Sarah Koliboski and seniors Sydney Lidster and Kailie Drummond observe the game. "We took this field trip to examine other people in the stands," said Obermeyer.

Memorable movies of 2012-2013

"May the odds be in your favor" ➔



"The most memorable movie I watched this year was most likely *Identity Theft* with Melissa McCarthy and Jason Bateman. It was probably one of the funniest movies I have ever seen."

Shelby Cannon, 11



"*21 Jump Street* was a hilarious movie. I was laughing throughout the whole movie. I liked it more because my favorite actors, Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill, starred in the movie."

Madison Plebanski, 10



"I really enjoyed *Broken City* with Mark Wahlberg and Russell Crowe. The plot of the movie revolves around the police department and the government. The movie has a lot of action."

Brandon White, 11

GHS shows their *talent*

With a side of coffee

For students who love singing, dancing, reading poetry, or playing instruments, Coffee Night and the Talent Show are both great ways for students to show their talents. Coffee Night, one of the two showcases, was held on October 10, 2012. Most students sang songs or played instruments for Coffee Night. "I loved supporting my friends and their various types of musical talents while enjoying the delicious coffee," said sophomore Patty Felton.

Traditionally, Coffee Night is hosted in the courtyard in a moonlit setting with coffee, apple cider, and other sweets for the performers and spectators. Due to a thunderstorm in the midst of the performances, the Coffee Night participants had to relocate in the cafeteria to finish the show. "Even though it rained, having Coffee Night in the cafeteria was a great experience. All of the performers were quite exquisite. I am looking forward to it next year," said sophomore Amber Holley.

The Talent Show is sponsored by Student Council every year. The profits made from the Talent Show tickets, which cost \$5, was put towards the funds for next year's Homecoming decorations and food. Auditions for the talent show were held on March 6th and 7th in the auditorium.

After narrowing down the auditions, the selected performers only had about a month to finalize their routines. The Talent Show was held on April 19, 2013 at 7pm and was hosted by senior Tom Duncan. "I really enjoyed hosting the Talent Show. My main goal was to try to keep everyone interested and to make everyone laugh. I was a little nervous in the

beginning, but I think I managed pretty well," said Duncan.

This year's performances were very diverse ranging from dancing, singing, harp playing, and even a comedy act. Senior Ciarra Kroslack opened the show with her vocal and piano solo. "I sang the song 'Gravity' by Sara Bareilles. I dedicated it to my best friend. I felt like she embodied the lyrics of the song, so I wanted to sing it for her," said Kroslack.

Seniors Matt Seiluns and Ross Meyers performed a comedy skit. Last year's winners, Seiluns and Meyers, performed "Give Me My Money" and "Two Tens for a Five". Freshman Andrew Bowman performed "Wonderwall" by Oasis. Dancing to an energetic hip hop routine, sophomore Chelsea Waddell put together a medley of pop songs to complete her performance. Freshman Jamie Thomas also performed a hip hop routine with a robotic and break dancing style. Senior Miryea Cisneros and junior Lisette Roldan sang "Stay" by Rhianna. "I thought that Lisette and Miryea did astounding. The way Miryea played the piano flowed together beautifully with Lisette's singing voice," said junior Emily Tuttle.

Sophomore Elijah Pierce sang an Italian song for his performance. "It was very fun as well as challenging to learn that song. I can't wait to compete next year. I was impressed by the many talented students at our school, and I was even impressed by myself," said Pierce.

"It was an amazing show. I did not realize how talented the students were. Jamie Thomas was definitely my favorite though. I wish I could dance like him," said freshman Austin Roberts.

And the winner is...

The judges of the Talent Show scored all the performances based on certain criteria and choose a top three. In third place was sophomore Gwen Freeman who sang, "Save the Best for Last" by Vanessa Williams. "I really love this song and I felt that I owned it," said Freeman.

Coming close behind was a performance by junior Lisette Roldan and senior Miryea Cisneros doing a cover of "Stay" by Rhianna. "Lisette and I decided to do the talent show last minute, and I'm glad we did because in the end it was all worth it. She was really great to work with, and she has an amazing voice," said Cisneros.

Taking first place with an explosive breakout performance was freshman Jamie Thomas. He did a break dancing routine that he rehearsed with his dance crew. "It was really cool to be on stage and show the people what I can do, and winning was a great feeling!" said Thomas with a smile on his face.

→ 1st place → 2nd place → 3rd place



→ Combining harmonies, sophomore Jocelyn Serna and junior Samantha Fuller sang at Coffee Night. "It was fun to do the show with Sam because I felt that our voices came together pretty well and we are friends," said Serna.

➔ Performing in the 2012 Coffee Night talent showcase, junior Joshua Kime stands in front of the audience to show off his vocal abilities. "I sang the song 'I Will Follow you Into the Dark'; this was my first Coffee Night and I had a blast," said Kime.



➔ Shredding away with his guitar behind his back, senior James Leslie showed his cover of 'Go Johnny Go'. "I like showing people what I can do. Everyone started cheering and it made me feel happy, and I felt like I was doing good," said Leslie.



➔ Mixing fingers with string, sophomore Alana Swopes performs a harp solo. "I love the feeling it gives me when I play. I hope that people can start to appreciate the art of harp playing," said Swopes. This is Swope's second year entering a harp performance.

➔ Keeping the audience laughing with his jokes, senior Tom Duncan announces the winners of the Talent Show. "Being the host for the talent show was a different experience for me. It let me step out into the light. I enjoyed being on the stage," said Duncan.

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Griffith *superfans* get loud

Then we get loudER

Face painting, t-shirt making, and costume wearing is only the beginning of Griffith Panther pride. Superfanning has become more popular throughout the years at Griffith. The student section has picked different themes for games. These creative themes include togas, blackout, and different costumes such as babies, beachwear, and pajamas. Almost every sport has superfans cheering on the teams or their favorite player during the events in the stands. GHS's student section shows their pride from yelling chants to decorating themselves in black and gold body paint. Sitting down is never an option if one chooses to sit in this section. All students are on their feet hazing the opponents and cheering for their very own Panthers.

Superfanning begins with the football games. The most popular theme the student body participated in this year was "Blackout". "Yelling antagonizing sayings to the other team was probably the best part of superfanning. I superfan because it makes me feel like I'm a part of the team that I'm cheering for," said freshman Logan Perry. Superfanning brings the student body together as one, no matter what grade someone is in. The students come together to show off their pride to other opposing schools.

A popular trend began this year as a chant was "Get Loud, Get LoudER," started at the Morton game by senior Joey Golub and junior Ross Smith. "Joey and I made up the idea to write it on a sign to get the student section to be louder. The louder the student section is, the more it inspires the team to play better," said Smith. Griffith's student body constantly supports each other from driving to away games every week to attending every home game. The

student body shows off their Panther Pride every chance they get.

Panther Pride starts as soon as a student walks through the doors freshman year. Every day, a handful of people are wearing Griffith spirit wear. Students show their pride through clothing and the spirit they spread through the halls. This occurs mostly during spirit week, by dressing up in crazy outfits and following the other creative dress codes for each day. When the pep rally comes around, more pride appears. From yelling chants across the main gym to being apart of silly games, the Griffith Panthers show off their panther pride.

This year was the sixth year the school held the Rollin' Hoosiers basketball game. This team is made up of four disabled students from Griffith and other athletes from the region. The Rollin' Hoosiers play against our middle school basketball team and both varsity girls and boys basketball teams. "The game was very difficult to play in, but I had a great time being apart of it. I enjoyed watching all the seniors play in their last game since I've been watching them play, since it started when they were in middle school. They've been having these games as long as I've been teaching at Griffith. I'll really miss watching these games, but the past six years of games have been full of great memories for me and the entire school," said Meghan Birger, Literacy. Someone who is disabled can still participate in activities just as any other person.

The Griffith student body still shows their Panther Pride to every student in every activity they participate in. The student body gets loud, then they get loudER.



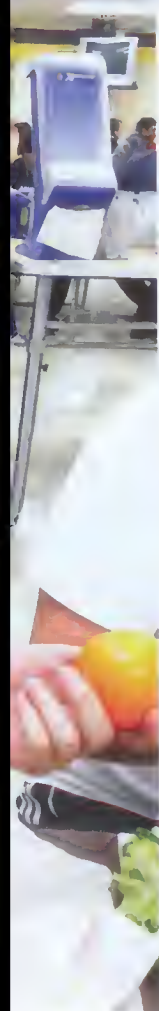
➔ While trying to distract a player, the GHS student section taunts a Hobart athlete while she tries to in-bound the ball. "Superfanning our basketball girls isn't only a great way to show spirit, but makes great memories with my friends for my last year of high school," said senior Sarah Kuna.

➔ While at lunch, senior Joey Rivera shows his Panther Pride by wearing a football shirt. "Football was great to be apart of, especially my senior year, and I'll always have Panther Pride, even after I leave," said Rivera.



➔ Getting the crowd pumped for the game, senior Janelle Owczarzak and junior Lauren Hernandez, get the student section's attention by doing the "Rollercoaster." "During a time-out, we like to pump up the crowd and make the game more exciting," said Owczarzak.

➔ Sophomore Jordan Avalos and junior Sergio Gonzalez enjoy their lunch talking and displaying off their Panther Pride. "Soccer is my favorite sport and playing for Griffith with all my friends is one of my favorite things to do," said Avalos.



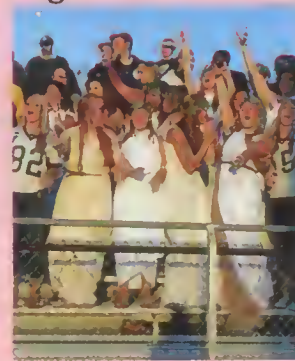
➔ The sixth annual wheelchair basketball game began with senior night. The four seniors honored were Allison Nolan, Jackie Morales, Jodi Morales, and Jessica Hicks. "I'm so grateful for Griffith and this opportunity. I hope they continue to provide this because it's always good for people to support athletes with challenges," said Nolan.

Themes for each game

Blackout



Toga



Costumes



Griffith students participate in school spirit by dressing up in different costumes. The student section attempts to keep the team pumped up by yelling different chants and sayings. "Superfanning makes me feel like I'm a part of the game. Cheering on my friends is always a great feeling to have," said junior Brandi Gerber. The senior class always comes up with the different themes at each sporting event. It allows the students to come together as one.

Reminiscing our *childhood*

Students remember their past

Bringing back our *childhood*:
students' *favorites* are...



Invader Zim

"I used to go through a whole school day just waiting for Invader Zim to come on. I loved the idea of green aliens trying to take over Earth. It was hilarious to me, and it still is." Ashley Adams, 11



Rugrats

"I remember waking up everyday and almost running to my TV to see if Rugrats was on. It was my favorite show when I was little, and I still watch it when it comes on." Jordin Dylan, 10

➔ Sitting in his geometry class, senior Alex Diaz, is proudly showing off his 'Link' shirt. "Playing the *Legend of Zelda* was an awesome past time for me when I was younger, so when I saw this shirt, I felt like I had to get it," said Diaz.



Games from the past



Uno

"When I was little, I played Uno all the time. It'd be the only game I'd suggest for family game night. It was amazing." Jacob Garastik, 9



Game Cube

"I used to spend almost all of my time playing on my Game Cube. My favorite games were *Sonic*, *Star Wars*, *Crash*, and *Mario Kart*." Gwen Freeman, 11



As high school students, we tend to forget the simple things in life, but when we were little, joy was found in a array of things. Whether it was a game, a book, or a movie, everyone found a way to pass time. There were no limitations when it came to the world of imagination, especially when friends were involved. Even the simple game of tag or Marco Polo could transform into something more exciting. "I can't remember ever feeling like there were boundaries when I was little. For example, pool noodles as swords, or going sledding and imagining that the hill was a giant mountain," said sophomore Kevin Wilson.

90's Are All That Students watched...

- "That's So Raven"
- Madison Watts, 10
- "The Fairly Odd Parents"
- Elijah Pierce, 10
- "Pokemon"
- Kayla LaBuda, 10
- "Powerpuff Girls"
- Jody Cunningham, 11
- "Power Rangers"
- Chris Pirtle, 12
- "Courage the Cowardly Dog"
- Diane Terres, 9



➔ While walking down the hall, seniors Taylor Louie, Jamie Rex, and Ali Acevedo, show off their back packs. "I find it awesome that I can show off what I like in the hall. It makes me feel like I have some power over what's popular in the school," said Rex.

➔ Sitting down for lunch, sophomore Shania White reminisces with her 'Lorax' lunch box. "It's one of my favorite things about school. I always get a cool looking lunch box for the year. Sometimes I even use them out of school for picnics and field trips," said White.



➔ Intensely listening to the algebra lesson, sophomore Nick Johnson displays his favorite character of his childhood on his T-shirt he got as a gift. "I always loved Rugrats so my mom decided to get me a Reptar shirt," said Johnson.



Childhood Memories

As students think about the future, the past may come to mind. Common thoughts are old favorites ranging from TV shows, to movies, to video games. "I absolutely love when I go through my old movies and games. It's kind of like I was thrown into a time-machine," said sophomore Reba Hart. "I still have some of my old toys, and occasionally I'll bring them out of my box of memories and play with them, just like old times. Going through scrapbooks help me remember a lot too, like when I got my 3 month old Labrador and Beagle mix, Sugar, in 2007. I don't think I've ever been that excited for a new addition to my family, let alone something that actually belonged to me. She's probably the best dog I've ever had," said Hart.

Not everyone has the same memories either. Some people's all-time favorite memory could be playing the a simple game that as apart of many children's childhoods. "I remember when I used to play Hide-and-Seek in the dark in my cousin's basement. We'd play for hours until one of us got hurt. I couldn't have imagined doing anything else when I was with her," said sophomore Madison Lynch.

Sometimes however, the best memories are the ones that occur at unexpected moments. "My most sacred childhood memory was whenever I went to a friends house to get away from my little sister. I used to think she had cooties and if I was around her for too long that I'd get them too. For that reason, my parents and I were almost always planning play dates and such with my friends. Sometimes we would even share a Lunchable together," said freshman David Dowd.



Anna Vogel constructs her pizza lunchable as she remembers the times as a child when this concept was so popular. "Eating these for lunch is always an easy way to get a lunch together along with a way to remember the good times from my childhood," said Vogel.



"When I was little, about six or seven years old, I would ride around in the crib on my bike feeling unstoppable." Christian Ayala, 12



"When I was little, I absolutely adored my stuffed animal, Tigger. I would carry it around almost everywhere." Lauren Kovacic, 9



"I remember when I was little, I used to love to go to the pool with my dad. He'd hold me, and I would splash everybody. It was one of the best summer memories that I have." Kristen Drozd, 11

Keeping us *connected*:

Students unite by their styles

The *trends* around Griffith

12 students own *UGG* boots

15 students own *Jordans*

13 students wear *Sticker Nails*

39 students have *Fleeces*

33 students have an *iPod*

50 students surveyed

➔ Having a conversation, seniors Jacob Dennison and Joey Golub sit in class in style. "Nothing is wrong with looking nice every day," said Dennison. The senior boys continued to talk about their weekend plans in Jenna Berzy's prep hour.

➔ Sitting at lunch, juniors Megan Zurawski and Emily Duhon are texting their friends on the latest smart phones. "I like the iPhone because I can group message all of my friends at once," said Duhon. They continued to text until the lunch bell rang.



Instagram vs Twitter: which do you prefer?

The popular social networks that almost everyone in the halls of Griffith High School are talking about are Twitter and Instagram. Twitter is a site where students tweet about what they are doing at almost every moment of the day. Instagram is an app that students post pictures of themselves or anything they are interested in.

Some students prefer Instagram over Twitter because taking pictures is more interesting than posting tweets about their life. "I'd rather put up pictures than write about what I am doing. Also, I'd rather see pictures of my friends than read the tweets," said freshman Melanie Turner.

Other students prefer Twitter because they enjoy tweeting rather than posting pictures. "I tweet my life and I don't have many pictures to take, therefore I prefer Twitter," said junior Ally Krajnak.

Unlike Instagram, students who use Twitter are able to follow funny tweeters such as Antijoke Apple. "Twitter makes me laugh because of all the different accounts I can follow which have hilarious statuses," said freshman Tommy Biancardi.

The difficult choice of picking Twitter or Instagram solely depends on an individual's interests. If someone loves taking pictures and sharing them, Instagram is the better choice. If a student prefers to share their thoughts through words instead of pictures, they will choose Twitter over Instagram.



@ericakik: I don't like my new schedule, I wish I could change it back): #boo *Erica Kik, 9*

@sergiogonzalo: glory glory man #soccer *Sergio Gonzalo, 11*

@BrinichRob97: I love food. #Yum *Brianne Robertson, 10*

*Twitter originated on March 21, 2006 *Instagram originated on October 6, 2010

➔ Before the passing period bell rings, senior Karis White snap chats her friend in another class. "I was snap chatting my friend senior Cassandra Taylor throughout the day. This is an app where you can take pictures and send them to your friends," said White.

Matching:

Who has what device?

1)

Julia Saberniak, 12



Hint:

"I have a device that makes calls and I can text on. This is also a touch screen and a Android"

a)



IPad

2)

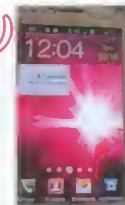
Alicia Aguirre, 11



Hint:

"I have the device that is for reading but you can also download games to play and listen to music."

b)



Galaxy SII

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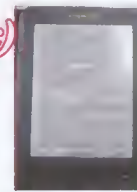
Zach Diamond, 10



Hint:

"I have the device that is made for music but you can also record videos, take pictures, and download a variety of apps."

c)



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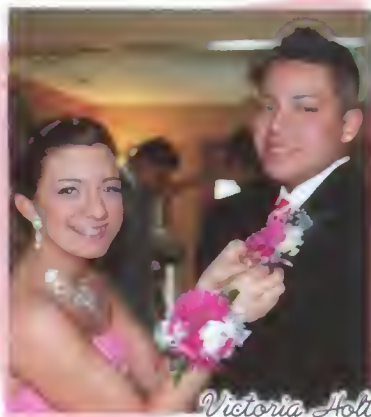
➔ Texting before class, junior Antonio Crespo is sneaking a conversation with a friend on his LG Rumor. "I text all the time, it is a fast way to have a conversation with my friends when they aren't around," said Crespo. In style, Crespo continues to text during passing periods.

➔ Fashionably walking in the hallway, seniors Daizja Hill and Ashlan Gary are talking about their cute outfits. "Rihanna influences my style and I like clothing that people usually don't like. I put different articles of clothing together that people usually don't put together," said Gary.

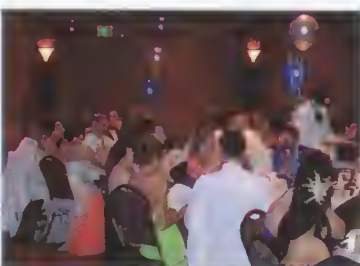
She Paid

- Dress \$300
- Hair \$55
- Garter \$13
- Shoes \$20
- Boutonniere \$10
- Pictures \$42

Total: \$440



Victoria Holtzer, 9 and Isaiah Jimenez, 11



➔ While sharing a laugh with her friends, senior Alyssa Melchor watches senior Anna Steinhubel and sophomore Hunter Fleming dance to background music. "I enjoyed having Hunter and Anna in my prom group because their dancing was crazy and funny," said Melchor.

➔ Anxiously waiting for the Prom King and Queen to be announced, junior Andrew Felde stands in front of his fellow students. "It was awkward standing on stage and being announced to the whole crowd. I don't like the attention," said Felde.

The Price of Prom

He Paid

- Tuxedo \$140
- Tickets \$85
- Flowers \$45
- Dinner \$50

Total: \$320

➔ Dancing at Prom, senior Micahiah James enjoys her last high school dance. "My favorite part of the night was dancing. The decorations were awesome and my date made the night magical. I had a great time," said James.



The little wonders of *Paris*

Griffith prom goes worldwide

Before the day of Prom, many students begin preparing for the memorable day as much as months in advance. Girls usually begin their search for the perfect dress between January and April, but that is just the basics. Girls who attend Prom must make appointments to get their hair and make-up done, their flowers arranged, and any further alterations for their dresses. Guys who attend Prom do not have as many worries, however, they are still responsible for their tuxedo and shoes, paying for tickets, or various expenses after the dance, such as paying for their date's dinner or other after Prom plans.

The front doors at The Halls of St. George opened at 6:30 p.m. sharp and prom goers did not hesitate to enter. Students ran to tables in hopes to save them for their friends and other members of their prom group. Soon after saving their tables, guests took group pictures during "picture hour" that took place in the hall from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., grabbed refreshments from the drink bar, took group pictures as they were announced by the DJ, met up with their friends, and took their professional pictures, hosted by Larry Titak Photography.

As the dinner commenced, students settled down at their tables with friends and caught up with each other about their after prom plans. Tables were decorated with balloons that displayed the colors of the dance: royal blue and deep purple with silver accents. Each seat placement included a program that had the dinner menu, lyrics to the theme song, "Little Wonders" by Rob Thomas, and other important information and a small key chain that resembled the Eiffel Tower, located in Paris, France. The waiters and waitresses began to distrib-

ute the dinner platters, which included salad, bread and butter, baked chicken, corn, mashed potatoes, and mostacholi. While students began to dance, the employees set out a myriad of desserts from fresh fruit to delicious cake.

The DJ, Music Boyz, began to play favorites from the radio and students responded positively by eagerly running onto the dance floor. The DJ played tons of songs throughout the whole night from many different genres from rap to country. Couples gathered on the dance floor when the DJ played slow songs, such as "Wanted" by Hunter Hayes, "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz, "Little Wonders" by Rob Thomas, and "You and Me" by Lifehouse.

Although the dance came to a close at midnight, the night was still young for many prom goers. Students went to eat at places such as Steak n' Shake, and continued the exciting night in their party buses, or went bowling at Set Em' Up lanes. Other students began their weekend plans by leaving early for lake houses, Wisconsin Dells, Monticello, or hotels in the area or in Chicago, Illinois.

The following morning, other students woke up early to make trips to the famous Six Flags Great America, which tends to rain every prom weekend, The Shedd Aquarium, Game Works Arcade, shopping malls located in Indiana and Illinois, and Key Lime Cove.

Griffith students finished their prom weekends with dinner at a restaurant, a long ride back home or simply catching up on sleep. No matter how the weekend was spent, every moment will be remembered and reflected on for years to come.



➔ After being crowned Prom King and Queen, juniors Amy Bubala and Joshua Kime dance to the crowning song, "Little Wonders" by Rob Thomas. "We were laughing because everyone was staring at us and it felt awkward," said Bubala.

➔ Before dancing the night away, senior Ashley Summers and sophomore Logan Ulrich discuss their after prom plans at the Tilted Kilt. "I enjoyed spending the entire night with my girlfriend; she looked beautiful," said Ulrich.



➔ Looking through the program at Prom, sophomore Emilee Martoccio and her boyfriend, senior Brett Brinkley, enjoy each other's company. "Spending Brett's last senior prom with him was special to me. I liked the key chains on the table as well," said Martoccio.

➔ Senior Derrick Kong samples the fruit at the dessert table at this year's prom at the Halls of St. George. "Although the food was really good this year, I still believe last year's prom was a lot more entertaining and enjoyable," said Kong.



Prom Court 2013



Amy Bubala &
Kyle Buikema



Sydney Hilbrich &
Matt Csonka



Rebecca Perez &
Andrew Felde



Tessa Trueblood
& Joshua Kime



Sarah Vrabely &
Tyler Palinca



➔ Looking up to the previous Prom King and Queen, junior Marquise Henry waits as they announce the new King and Queen. "Honestly, I was surprised Josh Kime won King, but I was proud of him. The whole weekend was tiresome with a lot going on," said Henry.

➔ At senior Stephanie Younker's cottage in Michigan, seniors Steven Marquez and Tyler Pena enjoy putting in the raft and the pier during their last after Prom plans. "Senior prom was very enjoyable, but it upsets me that it was the last dance for us," said Marquez.



Thoughts on Prom 2013



"Prom was an enjoyable experience. The DJ kept everyone dancing and the food was really good. After prom, Brooke and I drove down to Indianapolis and visited the museum and walked on the canal."
Seth Meece, 9



"For the most part, prom was as exciting as I expected. I couldn't tell who everybody was because everybody looked so pretty and handsome. Although I had a good time, I left about two and a half hours early."
Madison Plebanski, 10



"A few weeks before the date of prom, I didn't think I was going to go. Nathan Szabo asked me by filling a bottle with sand with a note that said, 'Since we couldn't go to the beach, I brought the beach to you. Prom?'"
Ashley Ardnt, 11



"This year was my second prom. I thought my senior prom was better than my junior year prom. I'm glad I spent it with my girlfriend and friends, I have so many memories from that night, it's bittersweet that it was my last."
Dylan Lambert, 12

To infinity and beyond

Graduates start their new journey

Four years ago, the Class of 2013 walked into the halls of Griffith High School for their first time as freshman. They made it through the long hours of homework, the cold Friday night football games, the continuous changes of dress code, and all the struggles that naturally come with high school. The time to say their last goodbyes to GHS came on June 2nd, 2013 in the Main Gym.

The ceremony began promptly at 2:00 p.m. with Principal Bill Cope beginning with a few statistics about the senior class. He proudly announced that 22% took Ivy Tech/Dual Credit classes, 29% took Advanced Placement classes, and 31% achieved the A,B Honor Roll. The seniors altogether received \$512,500 in scholarship money. One Hundred and thirty-six students plan to attend a four-year college, 29 plan to attend a two-year college and ten are joining the military. After the ceremony, 94 earned a Core 40 diploma and 52 were awarded an Academic Honors Diploma. Cope recited the inductions and introduced the Board of Trustees.

After Cope's speech came senior Cindy McInerney's Salutatorian speech. Her lighthearted speech fulfilled her role as a Salutatorian by reflecting on the unity of the seniors' last year at GHS and wishing her classmates the best in the future. Next came Valedictorian Stephanie Younker's speech. Younker's speech discussed the ups and downs of senior year. Then, she recollected on the senior prank, a moment where there were no cliques or drama and the class came together as one to pull off a memorable prank. Followed by Younker's speech was Miryea Cisneros's speech. Cisneros

combined song lyrics and sayings from the past four years to give a twist on her speech. A sentimental moment, Cisneros broke down crying in the midst of the speech. Her tears sparked the emotions of many of the seniors, and the whole room broke out in tears. Cisneros ended her speech with the infamous "Panther Rumble". The entire senior class participated, and she left everyone with tears of laughter and a bittersweet feeling. "It was very emotional to see our family of seniors come together, and the speeches were heart wrenching. I am proud of the connection that us seniors made throughout our four years," said senior Stefanie Soy.

After the speeches were given, Vice Principal Justin Fronek announced each senior individually to award them with their diplomas from the Griffith Board of Trustees. Once each graduate received their diploma and returned to their seats, Cope presented Dr. Peter Morikis to officially announce that the Class of 2013 were finally graduates.

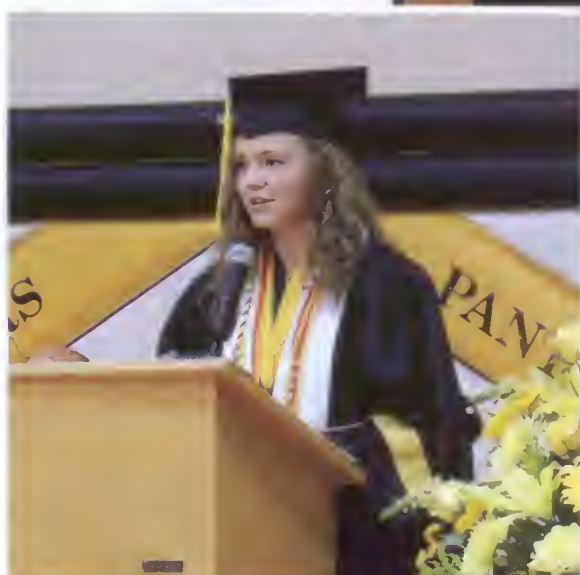
Even though the commencement ceremony seemed the same as years past, there were many changes added to graduation. This year, there was not a stage for the seniors to walk across. Instead, the seniors had to walk across the gym floor. Also, the seniors could not throw their caps into the air after the ceremony in the fieldhouse due to potential injuries. The Class of 2013 made it through their four years as not only students but a family.

"It is scary that we all made it through the four years, and even more scary that we are going our separate ways to college," said senior Joey Armstrong.



➔ Focusing on senior Miryea Cisneros's speech, seniors Caylee Adams, Sammi Adams, and Jesus Aldapes listened while Cisneros was full of laughs. "Miryea's speech portrayed her personaity while accomodating the whole senior class," said Adams.

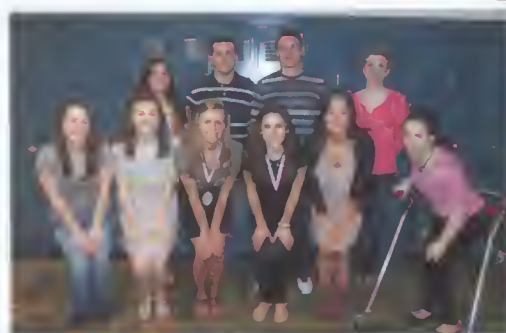
➔ Senior Stephanie Younker congratulates her senior class in her Valedictorian speech. "It was an honor to be able to give a speech at graduation and recollect on our years together. I wish everybody the best wherever they go next," said Younker.



➔ While walking up to receive his diploma, senior Ben Parish shakes Principal Bill Cope's hand. "I can't believe that my high school career is already over and I am going to miss the class of 2013, but I wish them luck on their future accomplishments," said Parish.

➔ Giving her Salutatorian speech, senior Cindy McInerney talks about the senior prank. "I was really nervous to give my speech in front of everyone. I am really glad that Miryea [Cisneros] helped me write it so I knew how to say it," said McInerney.

TOP TEN DINNER:



✦ The Top Ten Dinner was held on April 29, 2013 in the teachers' lounge behind the cafeteria. The members of top ten in numerical order are Stephanie Younker, Cindy McInerney, Mia Dal Santo, Ailey Clark, Austin Brown, Allison Nolan, Andrew Fowler, Jackie Johns, Miryea Cisneros, and Stacy Weber. After being awarded with a plaque, each member gave a short speech expressing their gratitude towards their classmates and honoring the teacher they brought as their escort. Valedictorian, Stephanie Younker, and Salutatorian, Cindy McInerney were given the honor of giving speeches at the graduation ceremony. Principal William Cope introduced a new tradition for the top ten students. Each year, their pictures will be put on a plaque and hung up in the B Hallway next to the Athletic Wall of Fame. "The new idea for the plaque of the top ten students of each class made all of us really happy. It is nice to be honored for all of our hard work for our accomplishments in the classroom," said Nolan.

➔ Class officers:

President: Miryea Cisneros

Vice President: Stefanie Soy

Secretary: Cindy McInerney

Treasurer: Stephanie Younker

Class sponsors: Michelle Uditchz & Jenna Candiano

Class of **2013** information

➔ **Class Size:** 203 students

➔ **Class Flower:** Laurel Mountain

➔ **Class Colors:** Black & Gold

➔ **Class Song:** "We Are Young" -Fun

➔ **Class Motto:** "To infinity and beyond."

➔ **Senior Banquet:** April 25, 2013

➔ **Graduation Date:** June 2nd, 2013

➔ Chucking up the deuces to Griffith High School, senior Miryea Cisneros gives her speech as Class President. "Once I looked into the audience and saw senior Katie Bridges crying, I could no longer hold my tears back," said Cisneros.

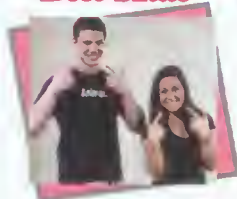
Senior Superlatives 2012-2013

Best Eyes



Steven Sharp & Abbey Little

Best Smile



Jack Kessey & Julie Duvnjak

Best Hair



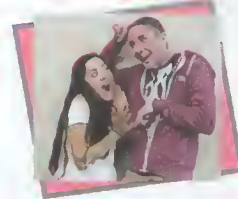
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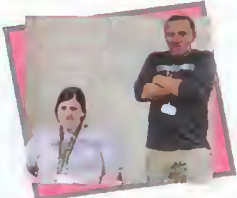
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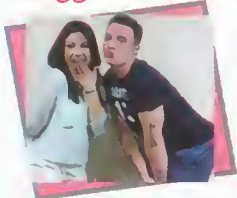
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Moodiest



Chris Pirtle & Jessica Hicks

Biggest Flirt



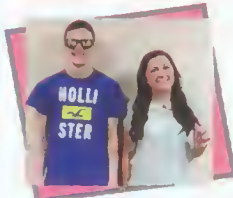
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Angel Nunez & Sarah Galambos

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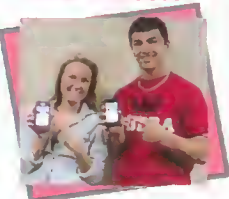
Patrick Weber & Ailey Clark

Most Athletic



Austin Brown & Sammi Adams

Over-Tweeter



Alex Diaz & Manon Carter

Most Different from 9th Grade



Joey Armstrong & Miryea Cisneros

Most Likely to Succeed



Steven Marquez & Stephanie Younker

Best to Bring Home to Mom & Dad



Andrew Fowler & Sierra Gutierrez

Biggest Partier



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Most Gullible



Jordan Gonzalez & Sydney Lidster

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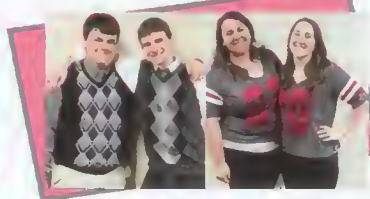
Ben Parish & Alyssa Gebo

Most Likely to Ruin Your Day



Zach Grin & Ciarra Kroslack

Bromance/Besties



Ross Myers & Matt Seiluns
Blair Gearhart & Jackie Johns

Ugliest Car



Chris Benko & Chelsea Scofield

Live in G-town Forever



Brandon Brummet & Katie Bridges

Be Late to Graduation



Jesus Aldape & Brooke Pospychala

Worst Texter



Cory Dunagan & Cindy McInerney

Most Artistic



Brian Corrie & Allison Meece

Person Who Brightens Your Day



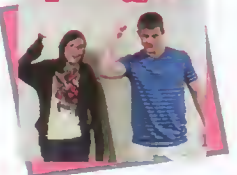
JT Long & Emily Kuzmanoff

Most Involved



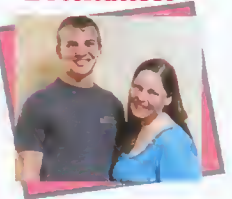
Ross Myers & Blair Gearhart

Survive Zombie Apocalypse



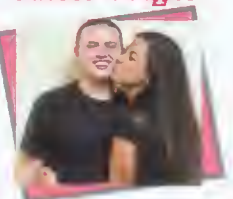
Brett Brinkley & Anna Steinhubel

Friendliest



Andrew Rothchild & Taylor Louie

Cutest Couple



Jesse Smith & Julie Duvnjak

Cutest Couple That Never Was



JT Long & Janelle Owczarzak



➔ After the Graduation ceremony, graduates Karley Spriggs and Michelle Urena are turning in their gown to be able to pick up their diploma. "Graduating in three years was such an accomplishment for me. I can't wait to start the next chapter of my life," said Spriggs.

➔ At the senior banquet on Thursday April 25, senior Daizja Hill was receiving her award for best dressed. "I was surprised and I was nervous to walk up there to accept the award because everyone stared at me, but it was definitely an honor," said Hill.



Rachael Kazmer, 12



Anna Vogel, 12



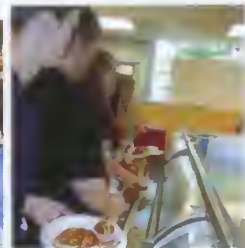
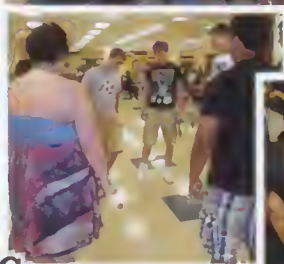
➔ During sixth hour lunch on Friday May 17th, senior Jacob Loomis was picking up his cap and gown for graduation. "I'm excited to finally go to college. It is cool that it's actually time to pick up my attire for graduation," said Loomis.

Senior Cookout

Breakfast



The senior class all got together at eight a.m. in the cafeteria to eat breakfast as a group. Some students played hackie sack for the last time at GHS. At nine all the seniors met in the auditorium for rehearsal and once everyone was in graduation order the class walked to the main gym to practice receiving their diploma and to make sure everything flowed perfectly. After the long rehearsal, the seniors put on their cap and gown to take the panoramic photo. The cook-out was next and that is when the most of the class ate food, while others said goodbye to the teachers they were going to miss.



Cookout



Rehearsal



Ironically, adults tell high school students “this is the time to live your life up.” In reality, high school is a time to take strides towards the future. Everyday at Griffith High School, students can witness memories being made and friends having a good time right before class, trying to fit in the social aspect of high school. However, something greater occurs within the white walled, checkered floor corridors that serve as a place for social gatherings, and that is learning. The process of learning is done in an assortment of ways depending on the teacher or even the student. At GHS, learning is coordinated so every student has a chance to redefine their life.

Students are capable of taking a myriad of classes that accommodate their needs, interests, and future goals. Those who are interested in the arts and liberal sciences and are more creative in nature can take classes to meet their thinking style. These classes include painting, drawing, various levels of the ceramics and photography courses, culinary arts and hospitality, interior decorating, and textiles. On the other hand, students who appeal to the more mathematical and scientific aspect of life have the opportunity to take classes that include the various levels of biology, chemistry, and mathematics along with physics and earth science. With these classes, come the hours of dedication and hard work that has to be dished out in order to achieve a higher grade point average. Students involved in Advanced Placement classes and honors classes are not new to this concept, but instead live by the hours of studying.

Teachers often hear a deep sigh of frustration when they announce to their students that a big project is on their hands. Some students have the chance to work in groups for J. R. Ford, foreign language, AP Spanish final, or other individual projects such as the English 11 Civil War research paper and the famous economics stock project for Jim Pickett, social studies. However, many freshmen may be finding themselves realizing the amount of work that has to go into school and higher level classes such as biology when they are rushing to finish the famous “Cell Project” the night before it is due, while stealing a few moments to respond to a text message from a best friend.

Along with the variety of classes, the student body has an opportunity to create relationships and encompass the social aspect of high school bounded by the academic-oriented hallways. Students create study groups for classes such as AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP English, and Chemistry II in order to take advantage of each other’s strengths in certain classes and topics to grasp the understanding of the information presented. Accompanied by the concept of study groups, students go to McDonald’s, Starbucks, or even a friend’s house to stay focused and on task. With the perks of high school and the social life, also comes the ground work of academics that help pave the road for a brighter future of every individual attending GHS.



Achieving greater goals

Kailie Drummond, 12 and Andy Duhon, 12

Jessica Bahena-Alvarez, 10 and Breanna Sanchez, 10

Jared Lipski, 9 and David Jancosek, 10

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During a day of work in Jenna Candiano's World History class, sophomore Daniel Perez works with his group. "I was working with my best friend and girlfriend, so it was easier to get the work done. Besides the work, I enjoy taking World History because we do a lot of group work and I find it interesting to learn about the past and all the important people that have influenced the world today," said Perez.

Reload academics

Changes sweep classes

➔ Working on a math problem in Michael Graczyk's Algebra II class during 3rd hour, Taylor Austin begins to understand the problem. "Math has never been my strong suit, but he takes the time and helps me understand the more difficult problems," said Austin.



Rosetta Stone

With all of the new classes, Rosetta Stone was one of the most popular because of the new languages students could learn. "This was one of the most challenging classes I've ever taken. I found Rosetta Stone easier in a way because it lets you move at your own pace, which didn't happen in a traditional class," said senior Katelyn Lisle, who was learning Irish.

They had other courses if Japanese wasn't your thing. The class features several languages from all around the world, from Japanese to French and even to German. "This is one of my favorite classes because I feel like I learn more with the Rosetta Stone program than in the traditional learning environment. I'm glad that the school board is letting us try this, because I think it was one of the best things that's happened this year," said junior Samantha Fuller.



➔ Practicing on the keyboard in electronic music, sophomores Chelsea Gonzales and Kayla LaBuda play a simple song. "We're learning the keys while reading the sheet music. It makes me feel like a real musician when I get the notes right," said Gonzales.

➔ Singing in her Chorale class, sophomore Amber Holley talks about the new director, Ingrid Schimnoski. "I feel like I've learned a lot more when it comes to music because of her. She's made a big difference in the music department for me," said Holley.



➔ Having previously taught English in the middle school, Tracy Whitman teaches her last hour U.S. history class. "I like teaching high school because they're better behaved than the middle schoolers I was teaching before," said Whitman.

➔ Rushing to class, sophomore Adam Hoover walks down the Willy Wonka hall. "I haven't been tardy yet, but I've seen a lot of kids who have. So I've done my best to always be on time for class. Lunch is much easier for me, because I don't have to rush," said Hoover.



➔ Because newspaper and yearbook staffs decreased in size, the classes were combined this year. "I feel that it's a better environment for both publications, because we all share ideas that we might not have had before," said senior Chelsea Scofield.



➔ As teachers adjusted to new rooms, students adjusted to new teaching in the different locations. "I really enjoy teaching my Chemistry classes," said Rebecca Koonce. "I think it's enjoyable for both my students and I, although I miss having all the space in my previous room."

Ten *Period* Day



"I find the new schedule easy to work with, and better. The lunch lines are a lot shorter than they used to be, giving me more time to eat my food and talk to my friends at the table."

Jamie Thomas, 9

Gwen Freeman, 11



"I absolutely hate it. Last year I always knew what class was in. This year, I have almost no idea what hour of the day it is because it's so confusing. I really wish they'd change it back."

Hitting the books

Students focus on their studies

As school commences again, students are getting back into the swing of things by staying up late finishing homework and waking up early the next day to start all over. With your main subjects like math, English, science, history, and foreign language, students are bound to have homework everyday. Students have new schedules and new teachers to adapt to. All of their classes will have different styles of teaching. They have another chance to start all over and try to succeed at their goals, such as achieving better grades.

Teachers who are used to teaching high schoolers are now faced with the challenge of educating seventh and eighth graders. In the math department, Marilyn Brunk teaches seventh graders regular seventh grade math. Brunk educates her middle school students in the morning during second and third hour. Also in the math department, Christine Chidichimo teaches geometry to eighth graders. "It is weird having eighth graders in my class, but I definitely wish they had that option for me last year," said freshman Zach Thomas. Chidichimo also instructs the enriched pre-calculus and AP calculus. The math department also includes Teresa Carstensen, Sarah Cohen, Micheal Graczyk and Lauren Culp.

In the Science department, Julie Wencloff has been administered four iPads. Wencloff may use these iPads with all of her biology classes. They utilize these iPads for certain labs that they are required to do. "The new technology we use is really sensational and we really benefit from not having to do it manually," said senior Michelle Urena. The iPads make the labs more efficient. Down the hall, new teacher Lynette Radoe teaches environmental science and biology classes. Another new teacher Laura North, teaches earth space science.

"Economics teaches you a lot about the world's economy. Mr.

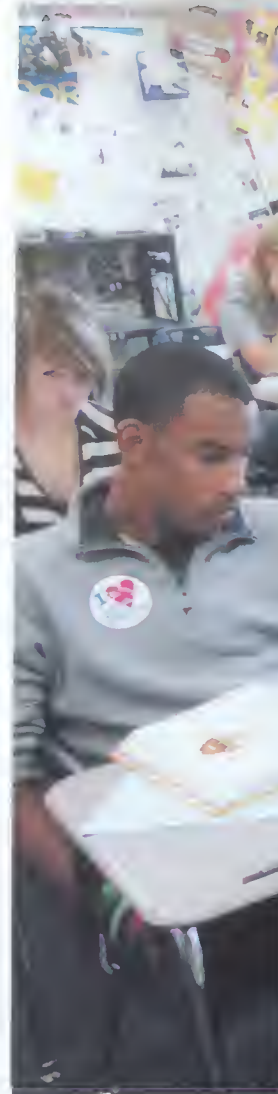
Pickett makes it interesting with the way he teaches and his jokes," said senior Brandon Brummet. Economics and government are required for all seniors to be able to graduate. Jim Pickett instructs both classes of seniors. Taking notes, listening to power points, and educational videos are part of the economics schedule. This year Luann Pramuk taught U.S. History as well as Advanced Placement U.S. history and world history. In addition, the Social Studies department encountered a change where Jenna Berzy is teaching Government to seniors and juniors who plan to graduate early from high school.

English is essential for all four years of high school. Students have the option of taking speech class taught by J.P. Schroeder. "I think speech is much easier than regular English class because it's different and you discuss different things," said sophomore Jordan Dillon. In the speech class the students are required to dress appropriately when they have to give speeches. Apart from the speech class, the regular English classes have novels to read and vocabulary words to memorize. The freshman class read *Animal Farm* and *The Great Expectations*. The sophomore class read *Of Mice and Men* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. During junior year of school, *The Jungle* and *Catcher in the Rye* are books that are required to be read. In the last year of high school, students read *Beowulf*, *The Canterbury Tales*, and *Macbeth*.

All these classes are part of the Core 40 requirement to pass high school. These classes have homework every day and tests every week. Students need to pay attention and ask questions if you do not know what is going on in that class. For freshmen this is just the beginning and for seniors these are the last mandatory classes of their high school career.

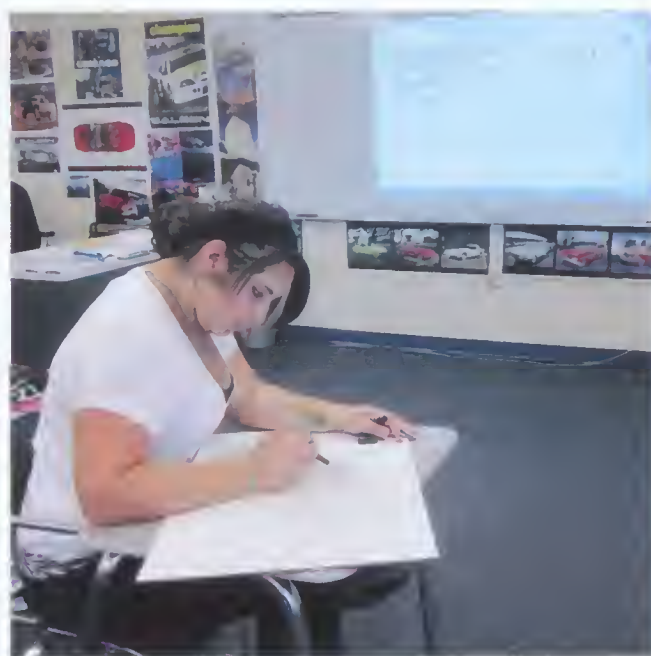
➔ While using the new iPads in the Biology II class, senior Vivan Haddad waits to ask Julie Wencloff, Science department head, a question. "I was using the iPad to make my presentation on the cell membrane," said Haddad. This was the first time the iPads were incorporated in class.

➔ During Jim Pickett's Economics class, senior Emma Blackard copies down the chapter notes. "Since I am in Economics, I understand how the economy works," said Blackard. Economics is a required semester class.



➔ In Mrs. Orzechowicz's English 10 class, the students were reading *Antigone* by Sophocles. "This is the first story that we read out of the Literature book," said sophomore Rhiannon Kozy. The class works hard to finish a packet of questions based on the story.

➔ "Algebra I is a really easy accessible class and Mr. Mitchell teaches it very well," said freshman Anissa Rivera. Rivera solves the math problem given to the students using the white board.



Senior's advice on how to pass Core Classes



"To pass all your classes, you definitely need to pay attention in class and do all your homework." Destiny Barajas, 12



"Throughout your high school career, you need to manage your time well and study hard." Andrew Rothchild, 12



"Always take advantage of any extra credit opportunities; they will help you at the end of the semester." Ann Fitch, 12



"Don't procrastinate on your assignments and ask questions if you do not understand." Kameron Boswell, 12



➔ The white board is used very often in all of Keith Mitchell's math classes. "The white boards make the class more understandable," said freshman Cory Horton. Mitchell oversees Horton doing a factoring problem.

Students progress

Taking a break from CORE classes →

Many students that attend GHS have a choice of taking core classes or taking classes that a student can select to learn about. These classes are known as electives, which consists of periods within the students' schedule that allow them to express themselves outside the core curriculum. They see this opportunity as a way to get away from the chaos of the everyday high school environment. Whether it is to get away from tests, quizzes, projects, teachers, students, or even relationships; the break within a student's schedule serves as an opportunity to explore and release their creative mind.

Electives offered at GHS range from a variety of subjects; whether it's science, math, English, or even art, a class can be found for it. Some examples include media arts, physics, Foods I and II, painting, child development, business classes, computer classes, college and career prep, and ceramics, but there is plenty more that are offered. Some students may take these classes for down time or some may actually take it as a class because they can see themselves pursuing the career the elective relates to in the future.

This aspect also applies to IRs, which is an independent course that a student can conduct with a supervisor in any field of study as long as it is approved. Senior Zach Grin is one of the students participating in this type of study. "My IR is in the field of science with Mrs. Wencloff but I have a focus on neuroregeneration. My independent research consists of this topic because once I go to college I plan on majoring in neuroscience and becoming a neurologist, and I hope that this research allows for more insight into this field of study," said Grin.

A student can also be an aide for their favorite teacher or for one that needs as much help as they can get. This sometimes allows for the student to catch up on homework due throughout the day, work

on homework that has been assigned that day, or even study for a big test their next hour. "I aide in order to get a break from my hectic school schedule, doing homework 24/7, and to help the teacher," said junior Jordan Baltus.

In addition to IRs and aides, seniors can choose to be apart of exploratory teaching that takes place at any of the Griffith elementary schools. Here students have the ability of exploring a teaching career that they may later pursue in college. Senior Janelle Owczarzak participated in this off site experience. "I really enjoy being in the classroom with the kids. It gives me a feel for what teaching in a classroom would actually be like," said Owczarzak.

Besides serving as "break hours" throughout the day, electives can play a major role in a student's schedule. A ceramics class can influence a student to explore a field in art and sculpting once they graduate high school. "Ceramics has an enjoyable environment where students have the ability of expressing themselves without being told that they are incapable of doing so," said Jim Graff, art department.

There are even students in the school who take an elective to pursue the career, besides teaching, they have in mind after high school. This could include journalism, sewing, or foods. In Foods I and II, students are able to conduct recipes and have an insight into what goes into running a restaurant and being a chef.

Besides having an interest in the electives, many students are compelled to take them to in order to complete their CORE 40 diploma, which requires a total of five credits of art, world languages, or career and technical study along with six credits strictly electives that the student can choose. With that in mind, electives can help a student pursue a personal goal, broaden their horizons or even allow them to make new friends through common interests.



→ "I was one of the last people working on the overgrown house project because I still had a few things to finish up," admitted sophomore Cara Smith. "The class is very loud, but it is one of the few classes I can relax in because I can paint out my emotions. More people should take this class," said Smith.

→ Continuing to fire her clay pot in the ceramics room, junior Alana Vega pays close attention to the color change that is taking place. "I like taking ceramics because I can express myself and experiment with the different designs on the clay pots," said Vega.



→ Dissecting a brain during physiology class, partners senior Alex Rosales and sophomore Adam Hoover works diligently to name the parts of the brain. "Dissecting the sheep brain was an experience I never had before, plus watching Hoover eat a piece of the brain was interesting," said Rosales.

➔ While spending time throwing on a wheel in ceramics, junior Jaclyn Witzke attempts to make a coffee cup out of clay. "I enjoy taking ceramics as a class because it is a really relaxing environment compared to the more rigorous classes I have throughout the day," said Witzke.

➔ Taking notes and asking other students questions, senior Jessica Hicks participates in class to practice skills needed as a journalist. "I took the class because I want to go to college for journalism," said Hicks. "Not only did students observe interviewing methods, but they also learned about their fellow classmates."



What is your Favorite part of Electives?



"I enjoy electives because I'm able to get out of a regular class setting and also get away from the regular school work that goes along with school," said freshman Ashlie Shipp.

According to freshman Michael Hedrick, electives are his favorite part of the day. "It [electives] gives me a break to do what I want during the day due to the abundance of hard classes in my schedule," said Hedrick



"Electives are a way to spend time with my friends throughout the day, plus I am able to catch up on homework if nothing is being done in the class on that day," said sophomore Alexis Atkinson.



➔ As a new student to the high school, freshmen students usually have room in their schedule for two electives. Freshman Dylan Gaffney chose the course printmaking, in which he worked on projects such as stamp print. "I picked this class because Mrs. Sadler is an entertaining teacher," said Gaffney.

During Shelia Vaclavik's enriched English class junior David Schell was thrown out of class for taunting a student. Vaclavik sent Schell to the office and was suspended for one day from class. "I felt it was very unfair and stupid, but at the same time I felt very immature for doing that," said Schell.

After coming late to school, senior Khristian Ayala was use to just getting a tardy. This time he was sent to the LGI room during a lock-out. "At first I was a little nervous because this had never happened to me before," said Ayala. After the incident, he had a long conversation with principal Bill Cope.

➔ Hanging out in the Willy Wonka hallway during their lunch hour, juniors Kristen Drozd and Jasmine Alvarez play games on their cell phones. "I was playing Family Feud on my phone against Jasmine while talking about the girl's basketball team," said Drozd.



The time I got kicked out...



➔ "If I don't have enough time at home, I know I can always put on make-up at school," said sophomore Kourtney Washick. Washick takes time out of one her classes to go to the bathroom to apply her make up.

➔ Roaming through the halls instead of attending lunch, freshmen Shaconda Davis and Robyn Helton eat cookies. "We usually walk around because the lunch room sometimes seems a little claustrophobic," said Helton.



Rules are made to be broken

Students avoid their studies

I SHOULD BE *listening but...*

"I was texting and checking my Facebook because we were done with the lesson."

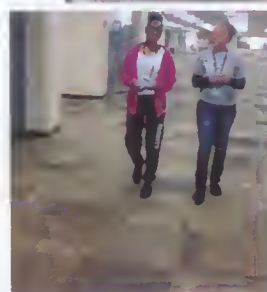
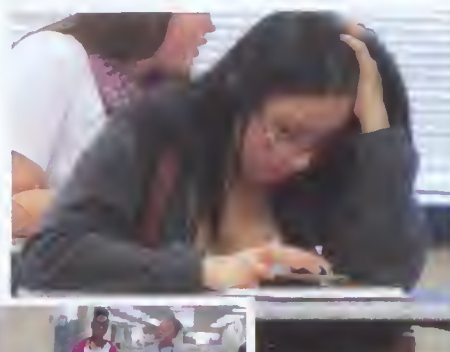
-Caroline Loughren, 9

"sleeping is better than listening to my teacher; plus we were reading a story I already read." -Cody Labicki, 10

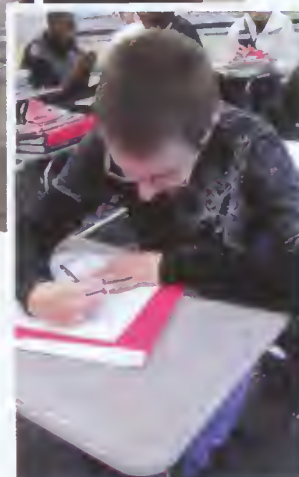
"I listen to my iPod because the class can get a bit noisy and I concentrate better with music." -Aaron Tonkovich, 11

"sometimes in my morning classes, I retouch my make-up without going to the bathroom." -Ashlyn Gary, 12

Mercedes Hermosillo, 12



Madison Watts, 10



Timothy Orzelski, 10



➔ During lunch period, senior Chris Waddell, exercises instead of eating. "I rather get in a quick workout then eat or do some homework," said Waddell. He spends 25 minutes everyday working on his upper arm muscles.

➔ Relaxing during Jenna Candiano's Sociology class, seniors Thomas Kudyba, Andrew Rothchild, and Anthony Carter talk about their weekend plans. "In sociology, we take notes but towards the end of class we just chill on the couch," said Anthony Carter.

Hands-on learning

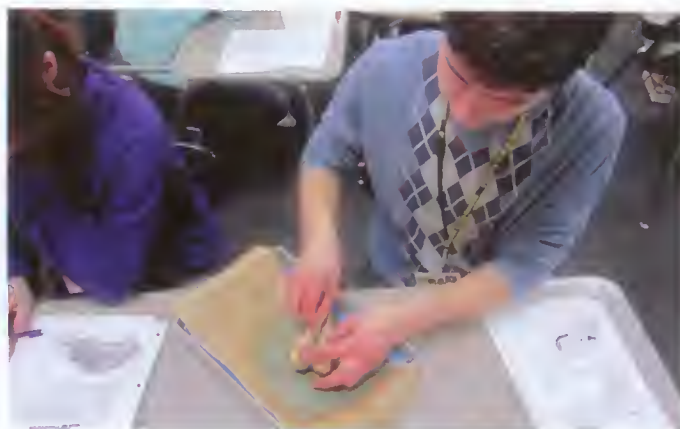
Alternatives in the classroom

A Revolutionary Way of Learning



Rosetta Stone is a new way of learning at Griffith. The class is taken at school independently in a computer lab online. Sophomore Emily Matson is studying Polish in her 5th/6th hour. "Since I stopped attending Polish school that I've been in the last ten years, I continued my language studies in Rosetta Stone. Although I know the main language, it's helped me a lot with grammar. It's a different way of learning how to read and write compared to a regular foreign language class because there is no English spoken," said Matson.

In Kristina Collard's English 11 class, junior Justin Green pays attention to a speaker from Everest College. The speaker, Matt Kalita, distributed Apple iPod touches to follow along with his lecture. Kalita's lecture was aimed to try and convince students to enroll in Everest and display how important it is to attend college. "On the iPod touches, Matt had us take a survey and also sign up for e-mails and letters from Everest," said Green.



➔ While cutting open a sheep brain in Jenna Berzy's psychology class, Andy Duhon and his partner focus on opening the brain the right way. "The lab was disgusting and it smelled horrible, I'm just happy that it's over and I won't have touch it again," said Duhon.

➔ In the midst of a Biology II Lab in 5th/6th hour, junior Aleia Smith dissects a pickle during Julie Wencloff's Pickle Autopsy Lab with her partner. "We had to make specific cuts to find a nail that was placed in the pickle before hand. It was pretty exciting to find the nail," said Smith.



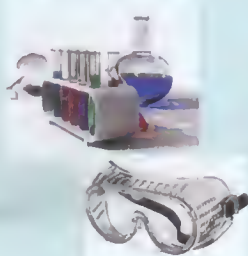
➔ Getting ready to shoot off a rocket, senior JT Long was excited to see how high his could go in an annual experiment in Jane Villaroman's physics class. "It was cool to see how high the rocket could go but hard to measure the distance of the shot," said Long.

➔ Senior Anna Vogel tries to trust her partner, junior Brandon Garcia, during a Psychology experiment in Jenna Berzy's 7th/8th hour class. "The point of the experiment was to use all of your senses excluding your sight. It was a great time unless you're being led into a water fountain," said Garcia.



Famous Labs

Throughout students' high school years, one of the most memorable experiences is working in the lab on different experiments. Each year, teachers prepare students for labs to help them understand the current material being covered. Labs benefit students who have an easier time learning and understanding through a hands-on method. In an effort to boost a student's grade, teachers may assign easier, unforeseen labs throughout the year, but there is always a few famous labs that teachers assign annually. A few famous labs are the Rocket Lab in Jane Villaroman [KV] Physics class and Jenna Berzy's Psychology Blindfold Lab. Jenna Berzy's lab was to use your senses excluding your sight to recognize different materials. Students enjoy the Rocket Lab because it occurs outside on the football practice field. "For the past dozen years, I've taken the kids out for this physics lab. The point of the lab is to use kinematics to analyze projectile motion so there really is an educational reasoning behind playing with rockets on the field," explained Villaroman.



Finding your future

Students prepare for the next step



➔ Before the FAFSA meeting began, senior Andrew Figueroa looks through the list of scholarships with his mother. "I was given a veterans scholarship and plan to major in fitness health and nutrition at IUPUI. I plan to open my own gym," said Figueroa.

➔ Before winter break, senior Deziree Walker studies for her Ivy Tech Sociology class final exam. "I enjoyed the Ivy Tech class because it was smaller than a normal class and I earned dual credits that count towards college," said Walker.



Fighting for our Freedom

Very few Americans will risk their lives to fight for our country but for junior Jonathan Madrigal, it's his duty. Madrigal plans to attend the United States Air Force Academy after graduating from Griffith High School. Some of his family have participated in the military, including a family friend that is currently in the Air Force. Madrigal attended two seminars, one located in Detroit, Michigan and the other took place in Merrillville, Indiana. "I want to make the Air Force my lifelong career," said Madrigal. The process of becoming an Air Force student begins in mid-June after graduating from high school; a student begins basic cadet training that continues until mid-August. Then, the academy commences in August. Every member of the academy must follow the Air Force Academy motto: "I shall not lie, steal, cheat nor tolerate anyone among us who does."



➔ Senior Sierra Gutierrez completes the Lily Endowment Scholarship in order to turn it in before the deadline on January 15, 2013. "It is a great opportunity to receive full tuition for all four years," said Gutierrez.

➔ Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., students attend a SAT prep class that is offered in Thom Howell's room. "The class will prepare me for the SAT that I plan to take. More importantly, it will prepare me for my future," said junior Vid Dragutinovic.

What will you major in?

Nursing



"I want to be able to help people who are in need."

Kassy Lopez, 12

Architecture



"I always enjoyed building things as a child and I thought it would be an interesting profession."

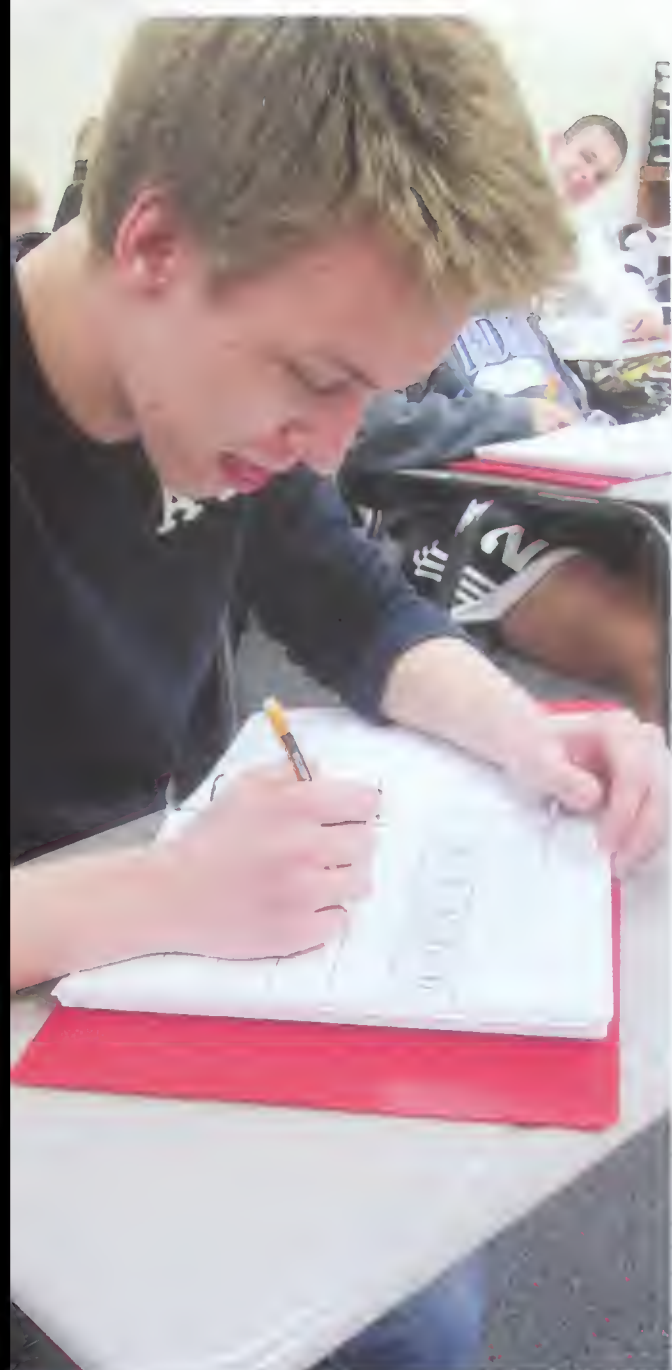
Joey Shapiro, 9

Law



"I hope to make a lot of money and represent people who need to be represented."

Rodney Lewis, 11



➔ Shortly after winter break, senior Andrew Zarndt discusses after school plans in the guidance office with Tom Golumbeck, guidance. "I plan to work at a steel mill. It is a skill I'm very good at and I have family members that have worked there," said Zarndt.

➔ While paying close attention to the powerpoint presentation, senior Lindsay Norrik learns how to apply for a FAFSA. "Money is hard to find when applying for colleges, so a student should take advantage of all the help they can get," said Norrik.

Number of...

AP
classes 6

Dual Credit
classes 9

Ivy Tech
classes taught by a
professor 4

Students enrolled
in AP
classes 99

Students enrolled
in Dual Credit
classes 66

→ Doing book work in her Ivy Tech class, junior Nicole Lear gets her homework done so she does not have to complete it at home. "I enjoyed taking this class because it helped me get over my stage fright of talking in front of people," said Lear.

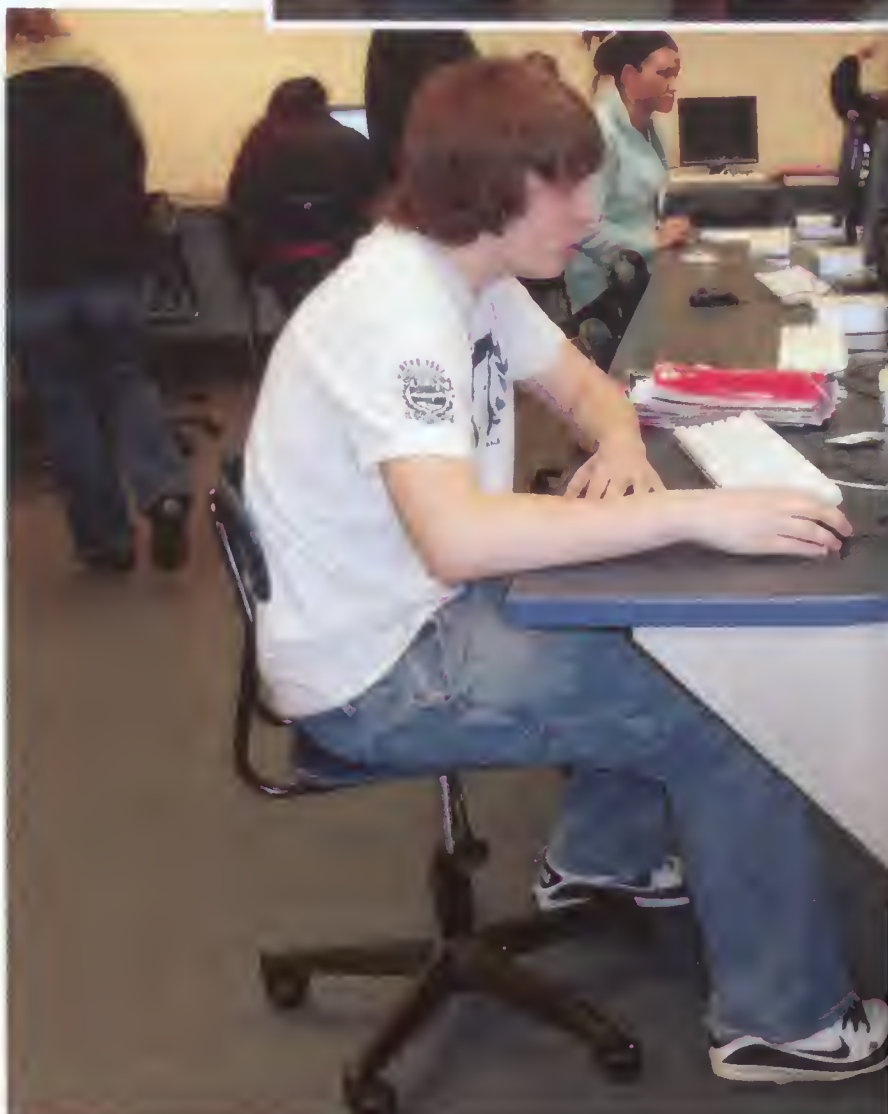


→ Senior Karina Silva works in AP Government on a group project about plans and compromises. "Group projects take the stress off of having so much work. They're even better in AP classes because there's more to do and they're harder," said Silva.



→ Paying attention to a power point in AP U.S. History, junior Olivia Hamm focuses on the board. "The powerpoint helps [me] pay attention easier and on the powerpoint, we learn things we wouldn't know anywhere else."

→ Taking a placement test for his biology course, junior Tyler Dunlap works to pass the test. "I took the test to get into Ivy Tech classes. It was mostly about sentence fluency," said Dunlap. Dunlap did his best and ended up passing his test.



Hitting the books

Students focus on their studies

Here at Griffith High School, many students are focused on their future and what is going to be the next step after high school. Fortunately for our student body, GHS has a system in place to prepare us for those upper-level college classes. This system involves the concept of offering Advance Placement classes, Dual Credit classes through Purdue North Central [PNC], and Ivy Tech classes that take up two hours of a student's schedule taught by an Ivy Tech professor.

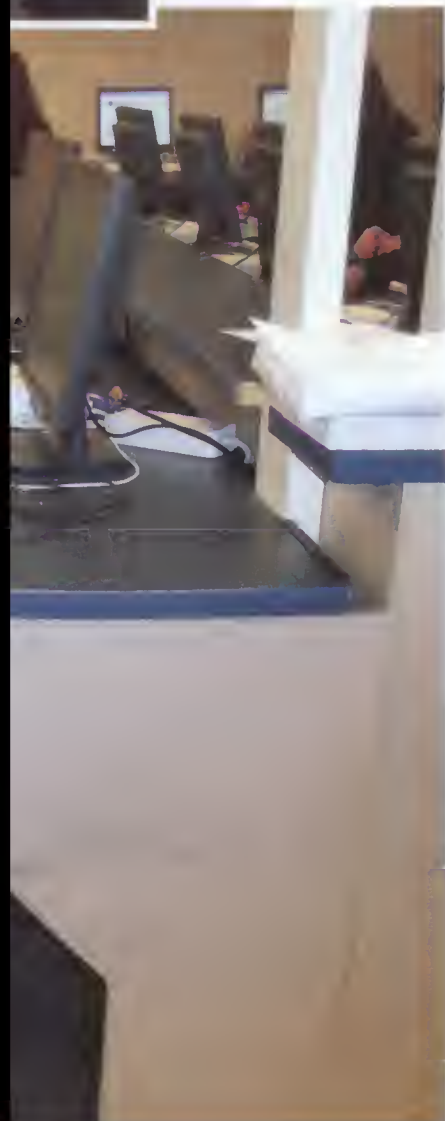
With the upper level courses comes a variety of students that are willing to put forth the extra effort in order to get ahead after graduation. These students spend the majority of their time studying for college style tests and conducting projects, whether it's individually or in a group. These high level classes demand much more from the student rather than the teacher. Students in AP English are required to complete more assignments outside of school instead of in class. Assignments are much more complex and time consuming, but result in an overall better learning experience. Dual Credit and AP classes are conducted in similar ways as any college class. Students are forced to become more independent when learning a concept. Senior Allison Nolan is familiar with this concept. "Although the work can sometimes be difficult and overwhelming, I enjoy it because I know it will help me in the next few years," said Nolan.

Many students, however, take advantage of what the school has to offer through the Dual Credit courses that are available. Currently, Griffith High School offers a total of nine classes through Purdue North Central and a total of four classes through Ivy Tech that count towards college credits. Some of the Dual Credit classes that are available to students are AP Calculus, Spanish III, AP

Spanish, AP Government, AP United States History, Pre-Calculus Enriched, AP English and AP Biology. Ivy Tech classes vary in subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Speech and English. With this concept in place, students graduate with a large amount of college credits going towards their freshman year of college. One of the many benefits of these classes is the price. Most college classes cost hundreds of dollars. However, through Griffith High School, students have an opportunity to pay only twenty-five dollars per credit hour. "I think going into college with as many credits as possible is helpful because you gain experience educationally and are more prepared for college. Students also have an opportunity to save money and receive college credits," said Kristina Collard, English.

Although the classes can be more demanding in effort, AP, Dual Credit and Ivy Tech classes offer much more preparation for the Griffith student who is planning to attend any education after high school, such as a college, university or trade school. Higher level classes not only help the student that wishes to advance to higher level education but can also teach important life lessons that any student can take advantage of. One of the many lessons include depending on yourself and taking responsibility for the assignments given to a student. The quicker a student learns these lessons, the more successful they will be once they approach the real world.

High school is the safest place to learn these life lessons and make mistakes that a student can learn from. There is often a chance to fix your mistakes and make positive changes for the future. "Being in AP classes has taught me how to manage my time and has prepared me for what college will be like," said junior Sydney Hilbrich.



➔ During a class discussion in English 11 Pre-AP, junior Karley Spriggs talks about the cultural elements in "Rip Van Winkle" by Washington Irving. "I'm glad to be in this class because I learn a lot and it will help in future classes and college," said Spriggs.

➔ While in the school library, senior Micaiah James searches for a book for the AP English 12 Shakespeare research report. "I feel that it is really important to be involved in AP classes because it will be easier for you in college to understand the course work you could be faced with," said James.

Vacation from class

Students experience learning differently →

Certain classes in Griffith High School provide students the opportunity to learn in a different environment. Many students go on field trips to museums, restaurants, and even movie theaters. "I think field trips help you learn the most because it is more hands on or more interactive," said senior Andrew Fowler.

During the school year, Julie Wencloff, head of science department, originally planned to take A.P. Biology and Biology II to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Illinois. In the end some fortunate freshmen got to attend the field trip to the museum. "I decided to invite some younger students on the trip because I knew they were responsible and would understand the concepts," said Wencloff. The purpose of the field trip was to show the science classes about the different exhibits. The classes took the trip on December 3, 2012.

"This was my first high school field trip and I really liked it. It was a little bit rushed but overall I had a very good time with my friends," said freshman Tommy Biancardi.

Another advanced placement class that takes a trip to Chicago, Illinois is Luann Pramuk's U.S. history class. The class takes an educational boat tour throughout the Chicago river. After the trip the class went to Navy Pier. "I had never even been on a boat before this and the tour was amazing," said junior Sara Fisch.

Classes are not the only way to go on a field trip. Many clubs have the chance to take a trip to learn more about their clubs. International Club tries to go on a field trip each month. The students part of this club have gone to different restaurants and museums. "My favorite field trip that I have attended was probably the Museum of Science and Industry. We saw the Christmas around the world exhibit," said junior Brianna Sanchez. The club went to this exhibit to learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas.

The museum also exhibits the "Holiday of Lights," which is a light show that shows brilliant different lights.

Just like International club, the drama club also takes field trips. The club went on a field trip to Vincennes, Indiana. The club visited Vincennes University to attend the state competition. The drama club left school early at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013. The club stayed at the Comfort Suites for three days. At the university, there was 29 high schools and over 800 people. Of the 29 schools, their biggest competition was the Lake Central Indians. From Griffith High School, senior Matt Seiluns was awarded an excellence ribbon for his acting skills. Sophomore Amber Holley and junior Josh Kime were awarded excellent ribbons. "This year going to the state competition was a really wonderful experience. I got to meet people from all different parts of Indiana who enjoy the same activities I do," said sophomore Patti Felton.

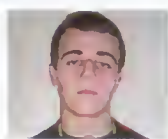
In the physical education department, the classes take a field trip to Deep River Waterpark in Crown Point, Indiana. The gym classes go to the water park to ice skate. After a couple of hours of ice skating, the students head to Old Country Buffet for lunch. "This field trip is very different from any other one I have ever been to because it is not so much about education," said freshman Sabrina Munsie.

Rita Gray, from the physical education and health department, took her Lifesaving class to Indiana Dunes beach. The class has to enter the water, swim, and practice their lifesaving skills. "This field trip really actually made being a lifeguard more realistic. The water's current made it more difficult, but the best part was pigging out at Old Country Buffet," said senior Michelle Urena.

For many students, field trips are a way of getting out of the classroom and enjoy a fun educational trip with classmates.

What department is notorious for Field Trips?

Gym department
(30%)



"I went to the Fair Oaks farm with my gym class. It was my first high school field trip. I really liked it because I had never been to the farm and I was with all my friends."
Zach Thomas, 9



High school clubs (49%)

"We are going to go on a lot of field trips this year for International Club but the first one I am going to attend is to an authentic Chinese buffet. I really like joining clubs not only for the field trips but because you learn a lot." Jacob Adams, 9

AP classes (21%)



"Being in an Advanced Placement class, you get more opportunities to go on field trips. Since I have been in these classes I have gone on field trips to Chicago three times." Miryea Cisneros, 12

a poll of 50 kids

➔ Resting the bus on the way home from Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana sophomores Amber Holley and Hunter Fleming listen to music. "The trip was extremely better than any field trips I have gone on," said Fleming. The drama club went to the state competition.

➔ For International club many students went to the Mexican food restaurant 'Abuelos.' "The food was fresh and new. I had never tasted that kind of food," said sophomore Daniel Perez. The first field trip International club took this year was on October 20, 2012.



➔ Students walk down the steps of the Science and Field Museum smiling from the experience. Julie Wencloff, head of the science department, took her Biology II classes to spend the day at the museum. "It was an enjoyable and educated field trip," said junior Matt Csonka.



➔ "The musical *Les Miserables* was very interesting and I enjoyed it," said junior Joey Dalton as he sat in the bus on the way home from the Schererville movie theater. The French class took this trip in the morning and had to take notes on the movie.

➔ Riding on a tractor at the County Line Orchard, students chat about their day's adventures. "My favorite part was picking out pumpkins," said sophomore Ashleigh Rettie. The study skills class took the trip to the orchard where they saw caramel apples being made.



Academics, sports and hobbies play large roles in a student's life. However, clubs are very important to an individual as well. While taking a break from their academics, students can explore their interests through clubs. If a student is creative, they can join art club. If a student is passionate about helping their community, they can participate in FCCLA. If a student is interested in enhancing their academic performance, they can join one of the many academic superbowl teams to choose from. Superbowls focus on subjects such as Fine Arts, History, Science, English, and Math. Students at Griffith High School are diverse in their personalities as well as their interests. Fortunately, clubs were created to accommodate these interests.

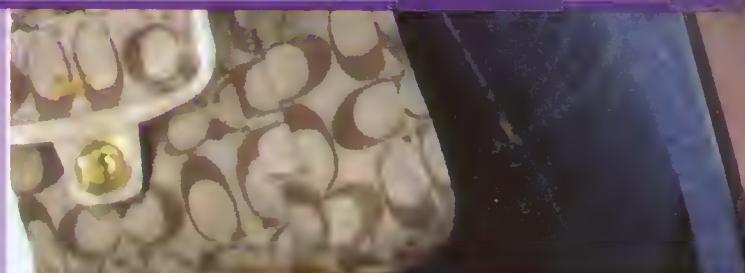
"Drama night was my fondest memory. I will always remember the bonding before the show and the gift exchange," said freshman Josh Zoran. There are many different roles that students play when participating in the drama department. A student can choose to be a part of Griffith Lights and Sound, which is responsible for the light cues given by directors. They assist actors and actresses when putting on or adjusting their microphones and replacing batteries in their microphone packs. If a student enjoys painting, they can join set crew. Set crew is in charge of building sets for Drama Night and the spring play. They transfer large props across the stage and manage smaller props. After the show, set crew strikes the set, or destroys the set. If a student is interested in a career in hair or make-up, they can join the hair and make-up crew. This group is in charge of making sure every actor looks presentable before performing.

Many students enjoy showing their school spirit at sporting events. If a student is interested in showing their school spirit in more ways than one, they can participate in Booster Club. The members are responsible for creating signs that are placed on a student's locker and putting gift bags together. Booster Club members are also in charge of decorating the interior of the school the night before Homecoming. "I loved making signs for members of the sports teams. My favorite memory was being with the whole club. We all got the chance to bond," said sophomore Sarah Dodson.

No matter what a student's background is, they can form groups based on interests, personality or grades, a student is capable of participating in a club that showcases their diverse interests. Other clubs that a student can join include Choir, Band, Student Council, International Club, Publications, Class Council and DECA. Whether a student is interested in business, volunteering, performing, organizing school dances or tasting new foods, a student can make memories and form bonds with other students who share the same interest.



Finding your niche



Kiki Dunn, 10



Josh Zoran, 9 and Andrea Leon, 11



Griffith Marching Band



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Senior Jeanette Salazar attempts to sell Boo Grams to freshmen Jacob Zakrzewski and Remington Snow for National Honor Society. After purchasing a Boo Gram, a student can send a message and candy to another student of their choice. Students often competed against each other to see who could receive the most Boo Grams. "It was enjoyable walking to each table in the lunchroom to sell Boo Grams. I loved getting people involved with school activities," said Salazar.

Choir *overcomes* changes

New faculty brings new ideas

Throughout a student's high school years, they experience many changes. This year especially, students were forced to endure new changes. Some students were devastated as former choir teacher, Eddie Covarrubias, resigned after his seventh year as head of the choral department.

Concert Choir II waited anxiously for their new teacher to arrive in the classroom during their first hour. Students were in for an unexpected arrival as Ingrid Schimnoski walked through the door. Students began to adjust to Schimnoski's new types of warm-up techniques and song selections. These song choices included "Adoramus Te" in Concert Choir II and "All the Pretty Little Horses" in the freshmen Choralettes.

Schimnoski was later dismissed from the responsibility of the choral director. After a week of many different substitute teachers, the school finally found a replacement, Kristen Anderson, a recent graduate from Ball State University. "Being in Concert Choir II was a great experience because it allowed me to meet students from different grades and personalities. After Ms. Anderson came, the whole class went smoother and it was really nice to have a teacher that knew what she was doing," said sophomore Katie James.

Anderson had about four weeks to instruct all of the choirs quickly and efficiently for the upcoming Christmas concert with new music. "As a first year teacher, it was difficult to arrange all the choirs with

presentable songs, but it showed the potential of each group by pushing them to their limits. I know when my students are slacking after seeing how hard they could work then," said Anderson.

Throughout the course of the few weeks she had, Anderson taught each choir a variety of Christmas carols to sing in the concert on December 20th. Chorale carried the tradition of caroling in the hallways of the elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school. "Being in chorale was a great experience as we walked the halls and brought the holiday spirit to all of the Griffith students. Ms. Anderson did a great job directing all of us," said junior Andrea Leon.

After the hectic preparation for the Christmas concert, preparation for the spring concert came about. Anderson developed routines in her classroom including sight-reading exercises which allowed students to learn how to read music and new song choices for the spring concert that appealed more to the students.

A normal year for Chorale members would finish with a spring trip to a famous location where they would perform. However, due to the lack of preparation, such as fundraising and approval of the school board as well as the absence and stability in the choir department, the trip was postponed and later cancelled. Current chorale members and future members hope to have a trip next year.

"I have many plans and changes for the upcoming school year that I'm hoping every student is excited for," said Anderson.



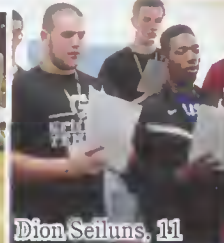
➔ Sophomore Chorale member Amber Holley begins the annual Wheelchair Basketball game by singing the National Anthem, accompanied by the seventh grade choir. "Before game day, I wasn't told I was singing along with the middle school," said Holley.



Kevin Matson, 9



Abbey Little, 12



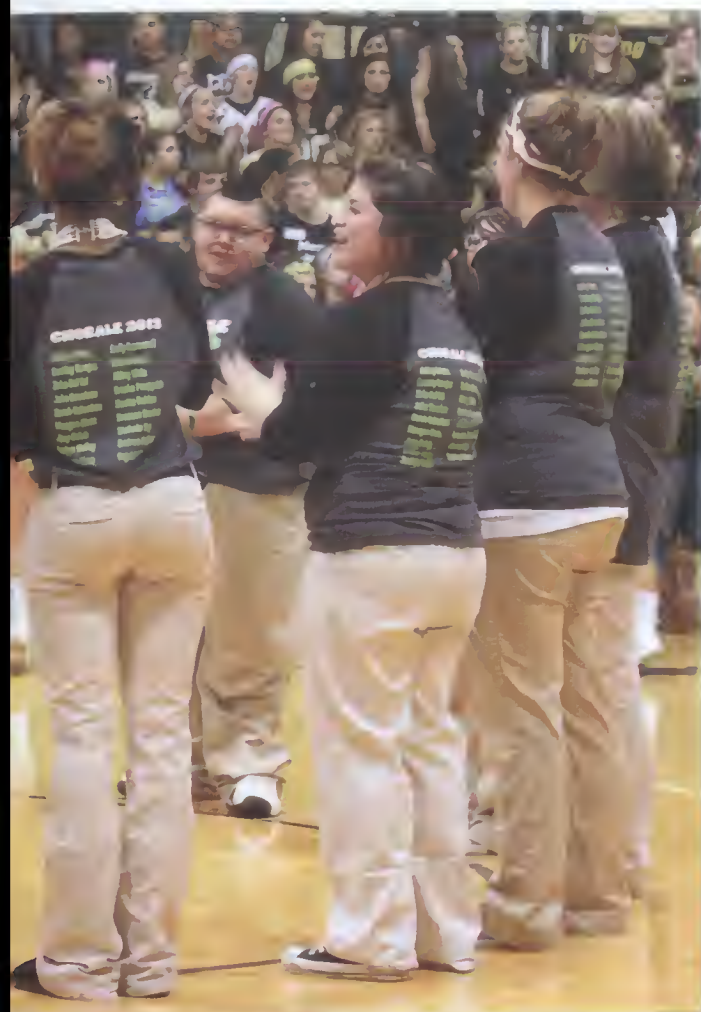
Dion Seiluns, 11

Choralettes



Row 1: Marissa Mendoza, Leandra Wimmer, Dominique Hamm, Alejandra Leon, Marissa Perez, Camryn Linders, Karli Taylor, Sabrina Garcia, Ingrid Schimnoski
Row 2: Hannah Villa, Tiffany Novak, Daniella Ayala, Stephanie Lockhart, Elana Jones, Lauren Kovacic, Alissa Sims, Jordan DeYoung, Nonye Washington, Mariko Jackson, Victoria Ford
Row 3: Kayla Walsh, Victoria Holtzer, Jasmine Singh, Lauren Vieyra, Jackie Lopez, Cassandra Cortez, Daisy Lopez, Anissa Rivera, Diane Torres
Row 4: Kaily Gonzalez, Sidney Hero, Alexandria Longoria, Mariah Fowler, Gabriella Endres, Miranda Cocco, Darien Frida, Ashley Moore, Kailey Shepard, Riley Hendron
Row 5: Teliya Loudenburg, Jillian Beaupain, Alex Soy, Bethany Brucer, Sabrina Munsie, Laura Slayton, Lily Maravilla, Kylie Gannon, Ashlie Shipp, Rachel Adams, Abby Anderson

➔ At the Homecoming pep rally, Chorale waits for their cue as the cheerleaders and Pantherettes wait in their choreographed stance. "Singing in the center of the court was nerve-racking, but it was a good experience," said senior Destiny Barajas.



Chorale



Row 1: Destiny Barajas, Brianna Sanchez, Zeke Del Val, Maegan Glass, Amber Holley
Row 2: Andrea Leon, Abigail Little, Emily Kuzmanoff, Stefanie Soy, Sarah Galambos, Deziree Walker, Ingrid Schimnoski
Row 3: Joshua Kime, Lisette Roldan, Jacob Dennison, Joseph Golub, Cornelius Jemison, Brooke Pospychala, Ashley Adams

Concert Choir 2



Row 1: Jocelyn Serna, Destiny Moore, Alicia Aguilar, Sarah Dodson, Kati Lebrun
Row 2: Jenna DeRolf, Janna Darnell-Mendez, Deanna Johanson, Kaitlynn Mang, Melissa Vieyra, Amy Bubala, Megan Garcia, Emily Duhon
Row 3: Miryea Cisneros, Amanda Stelk, Monica Gonzales, Dion Seiluns, Bobbi Davis, Cece Jones, Alexander Kepchar, Nathan Szabo, Ingrid Schimnoski
Row 4: Deondra Ratliff, Tessa Trueblood, Rodney Lewis, Mark Plawecki, Cameron Kegebein, Nathyn Sierra, Kyle Buikema, Ramon Gonzalez, Brandon Dyer

Choralaires



Row 1: Pedro Gonzalez, Joseph Shapiro, Michael Koliboski, Jacob Adams, Kevin Matson, Nathan Dixon
Row 2: Nathan Vuckovich, Kyle Tboas, Connor Pascoe, Andrew Steepleton, Jamie Thomas, Logan Sammons
Row 3: Jacob Cuevas, Louis Dybel, Jordan Galindo, Daniel Walker, Greg Copp, Nicholas Dieguez, Tommy Biancardi, Ingrid Schimnoski
Row 4: Bo Sanders, Michael Hedrick, Rashaan Smith, Andrew Bowman, Gage Corona, Brian Brzycki, Dale Meyer, Oscar Magallanes
Row 5: Jeremiah Ratliff, Troy Cullen, Robert Stelk, Josh Zoran, Jacob George, Blake Megquier, Jacob Garastik, Zach Thomas, Logan Perry

Concert Choir 1



Row 1: Rebecca Carpenter, Lisa Dabney, Emily Herron, Courtney Valentas, Sarah Balboa, Brianna Sanchez, Tina Brantley, Savannah Sammons
Row 2: Elizabeth Morikis, Emilie Martoccio, Kourtney Washick, Brianne Robertson, Alex Garcia, Matthew Miller, Chariyah Weatherspoon, Miranda Robertson, Madison Watts, Ingrid Schimnoski
Row 3: Thomas Plesek, Benjamin Russel, Lawrence Mosley, Jonathan Adams, Jordan Mull, Antonio Suarez, Aaron Brown, Anwar Issa, Ryan Nunez

A club of *colorful* notes

Band marches to perfection

Everything in Griffith High School has a purpose. The choir sings notes to the point of perfection, while Booster Club decorates the halls for sports events and dances. As for band, they bring music to the next level in an orchestra setting. Music is never impossible when it comes to this group of high schoolers.

"I can't imagine myself being anywhere else when I'm performing. All of my energy and concentration are on making everyone, myself included, sound spectacular. My goal is to make us sound professional, and to make the audience feel like they're at a real orchestra. The reason I joined was to sound like a popular anime character who's amazing on every instrument he plays, and I feel that if I practice hard enough I can become as good as he is. It helps to know that years of experience also come in handy," said sophomore Kayla LaBuda.

The band welcomed new members this year and kept some of the old. "Last year, I didn't know what to think of band. It was entertaining and I had friends in there, but otherwise, I had no idea why I was there. I would do as instructed, hitting the right notes and striving for perfection. I questioned why I was there. Was I there for the music or my friends? Did I care about my grade more than the music? All of a sudden, I realized. I was in this for my new found family. I've been in band since elementary school. I hadn't realized it at the time, but I hadn't just befriended these people. I had started to hang out with

them after school, talking in the hall... We had become family and I hadn't even noticed," said sophomore Nick Johnson.

There's always been a lot to say about band. The marching, the beat of the drum, the rhythm of the notes, it's magical in a sense, taking on a form all it's own. Whether you like the music they play or not, no one can deny that they play for perfection. "People never believe me when I tell them how much work and dedication this class takes. Even when it comes to Colorguard, I've seen them practicing. It's not exactly something can be accomplished overnight. You have to strive for the best even if that means going the extra mile, which isn't exactly the easy way," said freshman Larry King.

"The band concert was amazing. It was like I had been transferred out of my body and into the body of a professional band member, playing well into the night. There's nothing like playing in the band, or to hold everyone's attention in the auditorium. It boosts your confidence and makes you realize that even the little things can change your life or someone else's. I might be new to the high school band, but I've long since been a member of the musical group. I can't see changing that, even if some of my friends think that it's strange that I've stuck with it this long. They just don't know how amazing it is to be a part of something that actually means something to the school" said freshman Jamie Thomas.

Band



Row 1: Becky Schnoor, Kara Smith, Carlos Gonzales, Banessa Garcia, Kayla LaBuda, Josh Conzo
Row 2: Jamie Thomas, Justin Batty, Ashliege Rettie, Celeste Villarruel, Sarah Cavasos, Eric Taylor
Row 3: Nick Johnson, James Lelek, Jesse Gates, Debbie Korak, Scott Nolan, Deshawn Anderson, Larry King

Colorguard



Row 1: Emily Matson, Banessa Garcia, Kait Lebrun
Row 2: Andrea Leon, Brienna Eve, Debbie Korak, Celeste Villarruel, Becky Gong



The band in pieces

→ During the band concert in December, sophomore Banessa Garcia played the bells. "Playing the bells is something really inspiring to do. You can't really mess up the pitch, and all you really have to worry about is the timing, so it's really easy," said Garcia

→ During one of the football games, sophomore Ashleigh Rettie played the flute. "I can't imagine playing any other instrument. It's like I've become part of something bigger than just a high school band, the best part being able to play for the games," said Rettie.



"I play the flute, which is one of my personal favorites in the band department. It has an awesome sound." Kara Smith, 10



"The drums are really easy to play, as long as you have your own natural rhythm that is." Deshawn Anderson, 9



"I can't imagine myself playing anything but the trumpet. It just makes such an impact for band." Becky Schnoor, 10



→ "Colorguard is one of the most exhilarating times I've had, while having to do something with the school. I especially like that we get to see the football game, yet still perform for everyone," said sophomore Emily Matson.

→ "Joining band was one of the best decisions I ever made. I feel like I belong here with these people, which I've heard is hard to do in high school," said sophomore Sarah Cavazos during practice in the band room while sitting next to Kayla LaBuda.

Acting out *history*

Drama department takes the stage

The official drama season commenced with tryouts for the annual fall production, Drama Night 2012. Students who had hopes of performing in this production attended tryouts in August and those chosen were casted in one of three plays: *Over Bite*, written and directed by senior Matthew Seiluns, *A Frumpled Fairytale*, directed by senior Maegan Glass, or *Mine Eyes Have Seen*, directed by Lisa Megquier, drama director. Drama Night took place on November 10, 2012 and November 11, 2012.

Shortly after performing Drama Night 2012, the drama department took a trip on December 1, 2012 in order to compete in Regionals, which took place at Purdue West Lafayette in West Lafayette, Indiana. Megquier made the decision to bring her play, *Mine Eyes Have Seen*, to Regionals in hopes of advancing to State. Members met at the school that morning and loaded the moving truck with all the necessary props and sets used in the production. After arriving to Purdue West Lafayette, the cast quickly put on their costumes and applied their make-up while set crew unloaded the truck and organized the set. After competing against ten other schools in Indiana, Griffith did not receive a high score and did not place.

Auditions for the spring play, *The Crucible*, took place in early January when students returned from winter break. Students who were hopeful to be casted in the play were able to try out on January 9, 2013 and January 10, 2013 and results were posted by January 11, 2013.

Later that month, members of the drama department took a trip to

Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana to observe the annual state competition. Although Griffith was unable to compete, all students participated in workshops and watched the plays that were submitted by other schools. After a full day of activities, the members returned to their hotel rooms at Comfort Suites and spent more time together playing board games and bonding. The festivities continued on Saturday night at the 50's themed dance and finished Sunday morning after the awards ceremony and the All-State show, *Will Power*, which featured seniors Ross Myers and Matthew Seiluns. After returning to the hotel for the last time, students packed their bags and stepped onto the bus in order to return home after an exciting and exhausting weekend.

In February, members who were casted in *The Crucible* began memorizing lines and attending rehearsals while set crew worked together to build the intricate sets. After a full week of rehearsing, the cast, set crew, tech crew and make-up crew worked together to perform three separate previews for students during the normal school day on March 14, followed by their formal showtimes on March 15, 16 and 17. The shows were followed with cast parties throughout the weekend and seniors gave speeches and exchanged senior letters at Jedi's Garden on Sunday, March 17, 2013. The following Monday, some members participated in drama ditch day, where they met at Red Robin for lunch and signed playbills. Members of the drama department ended their year with goodbyes, but also left with an optimistic outlook for future productions.

Thespians



Row 1: Joshua Kime, Hunter Fleming, Matthew Seiluns, Kiki Dunn, Ross Myers, Andy Duhon

Row 2: Jackie Johns, Andrea Leon, Blaire Gearhart, Maegan Glass, Jocelyn Serna

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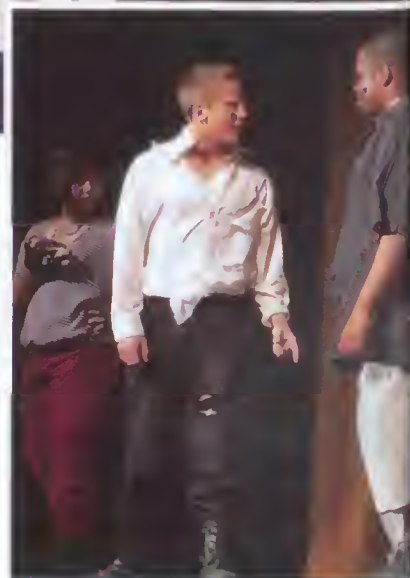
Row 1: Kiki Dunn

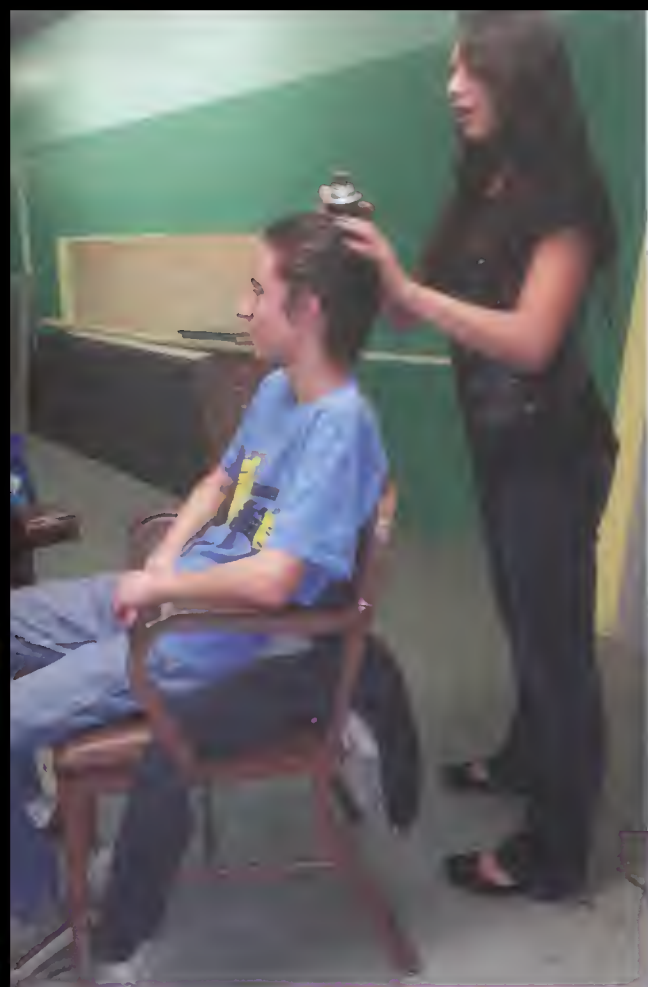
Row 2: Chandler Adkins, Joshua Kime, Kathryn Baum, Corey Josephson



➔ During the school previews of the spring play, *The Crucible*, senior Maegan Glass is accused of lying in court by senior Ross Myers. "I loved having the chance to be dramatic and cry on stage because acting is my passion," said Glass.

➔ Performing in Drama Night 2012, sophomore Alexander Kepchar demands a member of his faction to steal a vial of blood and replace it with poison, killing an enemy of his. "When you discover a club like drama, you have the memories but you never want the experience to end," said Kepchar.





➔ Before performing as "The Wolf" in *A Frumpled Fairytale*, sophomore Hunter Fleming gets his hair fixed and his make-up done in the green room. "I had an extravagant time in the boy's locker room before the show and made great memories with my friends," said Fleming.

➔ Discussing the script with director Lisa Megquier before auditioning for *The Crucible*, junior Kathryn Baum prepares to step onto the stage. "Drama is one crazy family that includes everyone from different backgrounds. We team up to create something much more incredible than ourselves," said Baum.



➔ Actor fun facts



Name: Patty Felton, 10

Years in Drama: Two

Experience: *Cannibalistic Endearment*, *A Frumpled Fairytale*, *The Crucible*

Favorite Role: Carmen, from *Cannibalistic Endearment*

Responsibilities: Remember lines, be friendly to all cast and crew, respect crew and their responsibilities

Best Memory: Some drama students were asking what a stage kiss was and we were practicing it before rehearsal. I was jokingly offended that no one would kiss me, so senior Matthew Seiluns tackled me onto the stage and nearly broke my mic pack!

Name: Nicholas Wilson, 11

Years in Drama: One

Experience: *Over Bite* and *The Crucible*

Favorite Role: Giles Corey, from *The Crucible*

Responsibilities: Memorize lines, staying in character, feeling character's emotions

Best Memory: During tech week for Drama Night 2012, all members were asked to bring in a food dish, so I brought in taco salad. While preparing the salad, I cut my hand on a pair of tongs and bled in the salad. We had to use the first aid kit, now all bad events that happen in drama are referred to as a "Nick Wilson Fail".



Name: Andrea Leon, 11

Years in Drama: Three

Experience: *Schoolhouse Rock*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *A Frumpled Fairytale*, and *The Crucible*

Favorite Role: Do-Wop Girl, from *Little Shop of Horrors*

Responsibilities: Not just act as your character, but to become the character.

Best Memory: When I received the title of Mama Hen, passed down to me by senior Blaire Gearhart. I didn't expect to receive the title and I've wanted it since freshmen year.



➔ While instructing new members of the Griffith Lights and Sound [GLS], sophomore Kiki Dunn uses the spotlight during tech week for the spring production. "Junior Joshua Kime is the reason that I decided to join GLS, but I stayed because of Jason Gast. I owe a big thanks to Jim Graff, art, whom we wouldn't be able to run GLS without," said Dunn.

Record now, *reflect* later

Journalists work as a team

This year, newspaper [*Panther Press*] and the yearbook [*The Reflector*] class were combined into one class for the first time. For first semester the merged classes worked out well. "I was surprised how well the two staffs got along and worked together," said Kristina Collard, adviser. Every student had their own computer and the deadlines were scattered. However, second semester, the class became more hectic with journalism students entering the staffs. The yearbook staff of twelve increased by eleven staff members and the newspaper staff of seven increased by eight members, but the computers available were limited to 19 for both staffs to share.

"I like both staffs being together because it is easier to communicate with one another and we all work well together. The only negative part of having both staffs in one class is, that is overcrowded. There was definitely not enough computers for everyone and it was stressful, but both staffs got through it," said freshman Tiffany Novak.

There was another change to *The Reflector* staff; there was no set page designers like previous years. Instead, this year the editors designed all the pages. The editors were seniors Caylee Adams, Alyssa Melchor, and Chelsea Scofield, who worked endlessly to make sure the pages were designed for every deadline. Not only did the editors have to make sure the pages were designed, they had to help the other students, blacklist, proof, make corrections, and send out deadline.

"I wasn't able to take yearbook class this year because I needed to take physics, which happened to be the same hour as yearbook. I was nervous at first going into the beginning of the year with the change in my schedule, but everything worked out very well with the help of the entire staff," said Adams.

"It was definitely a challenge to have to design every section and have

to do all the other editor duties, but with the three of us working together we got through and made this book the best it could be," said Melchor.

The *Panther Press* senior editor's were Julia Saberniak and Ailey Clark. Their job's are to come up with the designs for the paper, write a story for every issue, grade and correct pages, and send out deadlines. Clark designed the entertainment page and Saberniak designed the feature page. Both editors work diligently and stayed after school to complete deadlines.

"Being one of the *Panther Press* editors is really challenging, but also very rewarding. I get to put everything I learned in the past four years in journalism to the test. I also really enjoy being editor with Clark because we make an awesome team," said Saberniak.

The Edge is the school's magazine and junior Sara Joyce is the editor. Her job is to come up with designs, pages, and to make sure the magazine is complete and school appropriate.

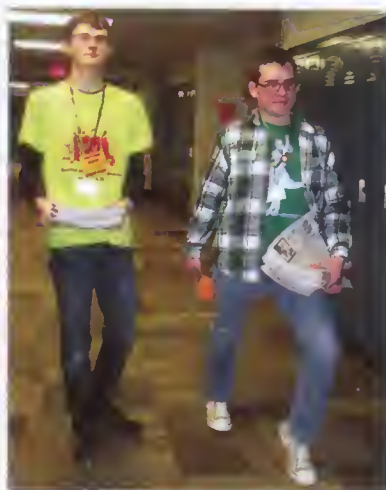
"I really like *The Edge* since I want to major in Journalism. I'm hoping this will help me get experience," said Joyce.

Each and every publication staff works endlessly until the end of the year. *The Reflector* staff comes in during the summer to finish the last deadline, which includes graduation and spring sports. *Panther Press* editors come in during registration week to come up with the new bylines and designs for the upcoming year's paper.

"All staffs try their hardest to make sure the yearbook has the fewest mistakes possible. However, we are all human, and errors are still made. The yearbook always looks great overall when it comes out in August. I'm proud of my staff's hard work," said Scofield.

Publication *Insiders*

- ➔ ***The pinwheel of death*** = "A colorful pinwheel that shows up when the computer is loading and it is frustrating because then you can't work on your spread." -Mariah Fowler,9
- ➔ ***Chair fights*** = "Everyone tries to sit in the Editors' comfy chairs first, but in reality, only the Editors are allowed to sit in them." -Chelsea Scofield,12
- ➔ ***Blacklist*** = "When a student is used more than twice in the yearbook and newspaper, then they can not be used again." -Amy Bubala,11
- ➔ ***Double check headlines*** = "Check your headlines to make sure the titles are spelled correctly and school appropriate." - Lauren Maynard,10
- ➔ ***Save your Stuff!*** = "When every computer gets the pinwheel and staff is at risk of losing their progress on their spread." -Nick Wilson,11
- ➔ ***Jump Jump!*** = "The jump is our nickname for a flashdrive, which is a device that is plugged into the computer to upload our spreads, so we can send them to Herff Jones." -Leandra Wimmer,9



➔ Proofing the people deadline, sophomores Lauren Rotermund and Savannah Gutierrez and freshman Kersten Collins check to make sure everything is spelled right. "Looking through deadline was time consuming, but it was worth it because I want the yearbook to be perfect," said Gutierrez.

➔ Passing out the *Panther Press*, sophomore Kevin Wilson and senior Matt Seiluns are making sure all the classes get their paper. "I look forward to passing out each and every issue because I like knowing that people actually read my stories," said Wilson.

➔ As advisor of the publications class, Kristina Collard is having senior Ailey Clark pick her Secret Santa. "It was a blast to share Secret Santa with both staffs this year. I enjoyed getting gifts for senior Alyssa Melchor because she is a good friend of mine," said Clark.

➔ In ninth hour, junior Abbi Kik is working on her spread for *The Edge*. "The magazine takes a lot of time and effort to design pages, but it is an exciting experience," said Kik. She has been on *The Edge* staff for two years now.

Quill and Scroll



Row 1: Chelsea Scofield, Ailey Clark

Row 2: Alyssa Melchor, Julia Saberniak, Stacy Weber, Caylee Adams

The Reflector



Row 1: Alyssa Melchor, Chelsea Scofield, Caylee Adams, Stacy Weber

Row 2: Camryn Linders, Mariah Fowler, Rosie Quintanilla, Janelle Owczarzak, Miryea Cisneros, Kaitlynn Mang, Daniella Ayala, Savannah Gutierrez

Row 3: Victoria Holtzer, Kersten Collins, Brooke Pospychala, Katie Bridges, Kristina Collard, Sara Joyce, Lauren Rotermund, Taylor Kazmer

Panther Press



Row 1: Ailey Clark, Julia Saberniak

Row 2: Riley Hendron, Yadi Castellanos, Janelle Owczarzak, Stacy Weber, Daniella Ayala, Kyla Shelton

Row 3: Brooke Pospychala, Matt Seiluns, Tyler Palanca, Kristina Collard, Ross Smith, Katie Bridges, Miryea Cisneros

The Edge



Row 1: Sara Joyce, Sydney Hillbrich

➔ Toward the end of the period, the publications class wanted to do something exciting for a change. "We were getting ready to do the *Harlem Shake* and it was something I didn't expect to do in class, but it was an unforgettable experience," said freshman Daniella Ayala.

➔ At the Christmas Party, the publications class was enjoying their food the Friday before Christmas break. "The annual Christmas party is a relief after finishing our finals. After we exchange gifts, we enjoyed delicious homemade food," said sophomore Kaitlynn Mang.

Classes unite as *one*

Councils form new ideas

Everyone knows that high school is like a food chain, with seniors on the top and freshmen on the bottom, but Griffith High School tries to divide the classes to be more productive and help the school. Class council is where the different classes work together to do things such as organize dances and build floats for parades. Sophomores and juniors were assigned different dances to set up and pick the themes and titles for. All classes participated in the homecoming parade by showing off the floats they built during the week to accommodate the theme.

Every class has a sponsor or someone to help with ideas and keep an eye on things. The senior class council was sponsored by Michelle Udchitz, guidance, and Jenna Candiano, social studies. Juniors were sponsored by Kristina Collard, English, and Kay Orzechowicz, English. Sophomores were sponsored by Rita Gray, physical education, and Luann Pramuk, social studies. Freshmen were sponsored by Lisa Megquier, English, and Brian Jennings, Middle School Dean of Students.

Senior class council started off the year with the annual float building. This year, for a change, the seniors won the homecoming float competition and beat the long streak of the sophomores winning. Their planning didn't end there. The senior class council soon organized events such as the senior banquet and the senior superlatives that come along with being a senior.

Junior class council had a relatively busy year with planning the homecoming float and the hard task of planning Junior-Senior Prom. The juniors met six times starting in January to discuss and decide the

theme for this year's prom. It was a struggle but they all decided on the theme "A Night In Paris". "Planning for prom was hard because we wanted to make sure that everyone would enjoy it, so it took a lot of thinking," said junior Shelby Gannon.

Sophomore class council was in charge of the Turnabout dance. With the help of Gray and Pramuk, they picked the theme and worked out the arrangements for the dance. This year they chose the song and theme "Wanted" by Hunter Hayes.

"Working on Turnabout was really interesting process. It was a lot more stressful than expected. The girls wanted things that the guys didn't even think about, and we came up with a lot of great ideas," said sophomore Kevin Matson.

Besides the dance, the sophomores also participated in float building during homecoming week. "Building the float is always fun because you get to show off your creative side to the school and all of Griffith," said sophomore Becky Gong.

Freshmen involved in class council built a float to represent themselves in the parade. "Building the float was a lot more work than I thought it would be, but it was all worth it in the end because our float turned out to be really good," said freshman Lauren Kovacic.

With the help of their sponsors, the various classes came together to display school spirit and organize the school dances to make them the best they could be. "I enjoyed being a part of class council for my freshman year. It was awesome to be apart of it and I can't wait to do it my sophomore year," said freshman Alejandra Leon.

→ Senior Jeanette Salazar staples leaves onto the senior class Homecoming parade float at her house. "We had a few options so instead of going with one we combined a few of them to make a wild creative float to show off," said Salazar.



Ally Krajnak, 11

→ Junior class council members get together in English teacher Kay Orzechowicz's room to discuss the prom theme and title. "We had eight choices and ended up going with 'A Night in Paris' out of all of them," said junior Lisa Castello.

→ Junior Matt Csonka looks through a book of potential prom themes during a class council meeting. "I was kind of laughing because some of the choices were just ridiculous to me," said Csonka.



➔ Members of the senior class council circle around World History teacher Jenna Candiano and talk about shirt designs. "It was really cool to be a part of creating the designs for our senior shirts. I think they turned out nice," said senior Sarah Galambos.

Freshmen Class Council



Row 1: Leandra Wimmer, Tiffany Novak, Camryn Linders, Alejandra Leon, Marissa Perez
Row 2: Mariah Fowler, Lauren Kovacic, Alissa Sims, Jacob Adams, Elana Jones, Victoria Holtzer
Row 3: Logan Perry, Rachel Adams, Zach Thomas, Blake Megquier Kersten Collins, Bethany Brucer, Lauren Vieyra, Daniella Ayala

Sophomore Class Council



Row 1: Becky Gong, Jocelyn Serna, Sarah Dodson, Shania White
Row 2: Emilie Martoccio, Kourtney Washick, Kaitlynn Mang, Elizabeth Morikis
Row 3: Kevin Wilson, Brianne Robertson, Kiki Dunn, Hunter Fleming, Cesar Rodriguez, Alexander Kepchar

Junior Class Council



Row 1: Joshua Kime, Tessa Trueblood, Deanna Johanson, Emily Duhon
Row 2: Lisa Calvillo, Amy Bubala, Brooke Maglish, Dana Lesniewski, Destiny Moore, Breanna Sanchez
Row 3: Marisa Rios, Andrea Leon, Yadi Castalinoes, Alexys Corona, Shelby Gannon, Lauren Hernandez
Row 4: Sidney Hilbrich, Kathrine Baum, Matthew Csonka, Jared Lowe, Sara Joyce, Ally Krynak, Bobby Davis

Senior Class Council



Row 1: Stefanie Soy, Miryca Cinceros, Cindy McInerney, Stephanie Younker
Row 2: Jacqueline Johns, Blaire Gearhart, Stacy Webber, Caylee Adams, Sierra Gutierrez, Ailey Clark, Jenett Salazar
Row 3: Taylor Louie, Alyssa Melchor, Samantha Adams, Janelle Owczarzak, Abigail Little, Sarah Galambos, Manon Carter, Melissa Martinez
Row 4: Emily Kuzmanoff, Tom Duncan, Mia Dal Santo, Katie Bridges, Brooke Pospychala, Julie Duvnjak, Rosie Quintanilla

Alissa Sims, 9



Senior Class Council

Feeding with *fundraising*

Student council lends a hand

At Griffith High School, student council is a student orientated club that plans fundraisers and charities. This year, the student council consisted of 38 members. Seniors Austin Brown, Brooke Pospychala, Miryea Cisneros, Jeanette Salazar, and Ailey Clark were the student council officers. The club is sponsored by Jenna Berzy, social studies department.

This school club hosts many activities that Griffith High School students participate in. One of the many activities that the club organizes is Homecoming week, including the dance. Student council decided the themes for spirit week, the activities for activity day, and decorated the field house for the dance on Saturday. "I love Homecoming week. It is my favorite time of the year because student council gets really involved and we get to celebrate all week with exciting festivities," said junior Destiny Moore. Many other activities that student council arranges includes the food drive during the first semester, smooches for Valentines Day, and the talent show that takes place in April.

"Being part of student council makes me feel more involved with my classmates and teachers," said sophomore Hunter Flemming. The food drive that is assembled by student council makes all the classes become more involved with charities and giving back to the community. The club gives all 10th hour classes three weeks to bring in food or household items for the food drive. All products brought in had different values of points. Food items were worth

one point and household products or bathroom items, were worth two points. The 10th hour class with the most points wins a pizza party. Second place gets a doughnut party and third place gets a chip and dip party. The chance to win a free pizza party gets all the students and teachers very involved and competitive. This year, the math department dominated the food drive. Christine Chidichimo's AP Calculus won first place. Next door, Marilyn Brunk's Pre-calculus class won second place, and third place was a tie between Kristina Collard's junior English and Jim Graff's ceramics class.

"This year, we had a lot of success in getting the students more involved. Some teachers get very competitive and offer students extra credit and other things just to win," said Jenna Berzy. The food drive brought many meals to homeless and people who are less fortunate.

Being part of the student council comes with many advantages. The club gets the chance to take many field trips and enjoy different activities. Student council has visited the Iron Oaks Farm. The club usually goes every year to a team building exercise, and juniors and seniors go on an exclusive trip to a high ropes course to help build strong bonds between student council members. "The trips we take are very exciting and make us bond together as classmates and friends. Joining student council was a really good decision," said senior Jesus Aldape.

Student Council



Row 1: Jeanette Salazar, Ailey Clark
Row 2: Miryea Cisneros, Austin Brown, Brooke Pospychala



Row 1: Victoria Holtzer, Megan Garcia, Daniella Ayala, Lisa Cavillo, Destiny Moore, Tiffany Novak, Marissa Perez
Row 2: Caylee Adams, Stephanie Younker, Mariah Fowler, Lauren Vieyra, Lauren Hernandez, Stacy Weber, Tommy Biancardi, Jacob Adams
Row 3: Jesus Aldape, Sydney Hilbrich, Kersten Collins, Ally Krajnak, Julie Duvnjak, Emily Tuttle, Marisa Rios, Becky Gong Long Dong, Erica Yost
Row 4: Tom Duncan, Hunter Fleming, Jonathan Madrigal, Jared Lowe, Jt Long, Tessa Trueblood, Sara Joyce, Aaron Brown, Cindy McInerney



➔ Juniors Emily Tuttle and Erica Yost play *Just Dance* with student council representative Jenna Berzy at the Lock-in on Friday, February 8, 2012. "The lock-in was very entertaining. A lot of us stayed up the whole night," said Tuttle.

➔ Discussing various ideas for Homecoming, student council members, sophomore Kiki Dunn and senior Tom Duncan, listen attentively at their meeting. "The meetings usually last for 15 to 20 minutes. They are right to the point," said Dunn.



➔ With a bag of grocery items in her hands, junior Lisa Cavillo walks down the hall to drop the bag off for the food drive. "Student Council is one of my favorite clubs because it gives you many opportunities to help others out," said Cavillo.

➔ "This year I received many smooches, but I also bought a lot for my friends since student council was selling them all day," said junior Rodney Lewis, as he holds a strawberry flavored sucker on Valentines Day. Altogether, he received six smooches.



The *Best* part of StuCo

"My favorite part of student council was the food drive because I was able to give back to the community. It felt really good to help others."

Tiffany Novak, 9

"The lock-in was probably the best part of student council because it was a night full of laughter, games, and movies with my friends."

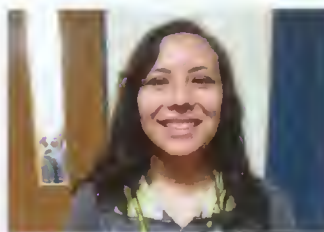
Jared Lowe, 11

"The smooches is something I really like because a lot of students get really into it and you can see the students enjoy the Valentine cards."

Megan Garcia, 11



➔ Passing out student council shirts, junior Jonathan Madrigal calls out names of student council members. "The shirts we got this year were really unique. They were light blue and had a cow on the front with holes in it," said Madrigal.



Showing off their *smarts*

Superbowl teams give Griffith a name

This year, the 2012-2013 Academic Superbowl teams competed at Merrillville High School on April 10, 2013. The Superbowl teams consisted of math, science, English, fine arts, and social studies. The groups studied the topic of Ancient Greece. Teams started to meet for practices starting early November and continued throughout the season until competition time.

The science team was coached by Donald Whitmore. Members studied the topics of physics, biology, and chemistry. This year, the science team placed with a proud score of seventeen points, giving them first place. "This was my first year participating on a high school superbowl team. I enjoyed being apart of the team and the competition. I believe more people should join the academic superbowl teams," said freshman Jamie Thomas.

The math team was led by Christine Chidichimo and their division focused on trigonometry and geometry with a few

aspects of calculus. With a team consisting of three seniors and two freshmen, they maintained an overall score of fifteen points and took first place.

The English team was overseen by Kristina Collard. This year, the team contained more than two people and they placed second with an overall score of thirteen points.

Lastly, the social studies team was coached by Jim Pickett. Teammates studied the history of Ancient Greece. The social studies team placed third with an overall score of nine points.

In addition, the fine arts team coached by Sarah Cohen studied the art of Ancient Greece. The team placed second with an overall score of fourteen points.

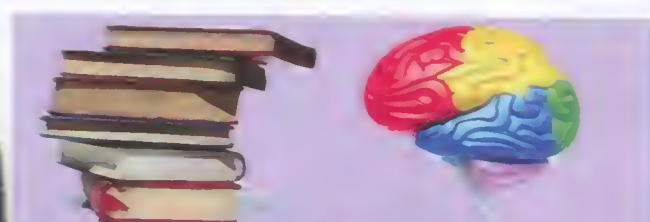
By the end of the competition, each team showed their advanced ability and gave a name to Griffith High School with two first place wins, two second place wins, and one third place win in the 2013 Division II Academic Superbowl Competition.

Math Bowl



Row 1: Blair Morton, Emily Matson, Stephanie Yeager, Kevin Matson, Tommy Blumard

Row 2: Andrew Fowler, Steven Marquez, Brian Scheeringa, Matt Csonka, Alec Fowler



History Bowl



Row 1: Kayla LaBuda, Blair Morton, Sharré Gearhart, Jackie Johns, Chandler Atkins

Row 2: Tom Duncan, Andrew Fowler, Matt Csonka, Alec Fowler, Deanna Johnson

English Bowl



Row 1: Kayla LaBuda, Andrea Leon, Vanessa James

Row 2: Mia Dai Santo, Alex Clark, Jenna Sabermak, Allison Nolan

Science Bowl

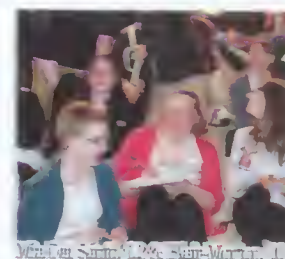
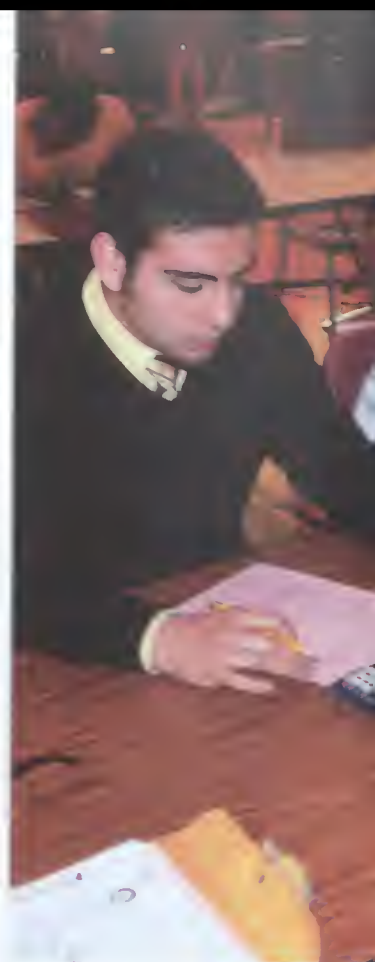


Row 1: Kevin Matson, Emily Matson, Jamie Thomas, Chandler Atkins

Fine Arts Bowl



Row 1: Argene Corona, Bobbi Davis, Destiny Moore, Alexys Carona





➔ While waiting to compete, seniors Steven Marquez, Andrew Fowler, and freshman Tommy Biancardi were studying formulas and practice problems to prepare. "We all felt confident going into the competition because all five of us knew the material well in comparison to last year," said Fowler.

Art Club members



Maurice Branch, 10



Art Club



Row 1: Kiki Dunn, Amber Holley, Maurice Branch
Row 2: Diane Torres, Melissa Chazaro, Shannon Kunka, Maegan Glass, Josephine Serna
Row 3: Alana Swopes, Hunter Fleming, Nick Johnson, Arrick Jones, Lauren Rotenmund



➔ Preparing to answer the questions during the competition, the art members, juniors Destiny Moore, Alexis Corona, and Annette Cummings, patiently wait to start. "We had to answer the first twenty-five questions about the scriptures and instruments of Ancient Greece," said Corona.

Anita Lanning, 10



SADD members

SADD



Row 1: Josephine Serna, Amy Flann
Row 2: Anita Lanning, Mia Del Santo, Shelby Winchester

Art Club

Sponsored by Pat Sadler, the members of Art Club meet every Tuesday after school, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Many of the students involved in Art Club work after school to finish an assignment in one of their art classes or to work on a project of their own. Meeting once a week allows the students to exercise their artistic abilities and create art that they are proud of.

SADD

Many students often wonder what SADD really is and how it affects the student body. SADD is an acronym for Students Against Destructive Decisions and is run by Officer Peter Ghrist. This club helps to promote good decisions among the students at GHS. Granted, the club only meets once every three months; the students involved are dedicated or influencing their peers to make good decisions.

Getting down to *business*

DECA competes statewide

DECA is a marketing organization with aspiring business students. The students choose a subject in the business area that they are interested in. There are countless subjects to choose from, but the subjects that our DECA team chose were hospitality, automotive, business services, human resource, retail, travel and tourism, marketing, food, principles of marketing, business finance, and hotel and lodging. Once they pick their subject, they take a 100 question exam on the material and perform role plays with a business scenario. Members can choose to compete individually, or they can team up with other members as small team. Business teacher, Scott MacFarland, is the DECA sponsor.

"Participating in DECA can help you get ready for the real business world. It's a unique experience," said sophomore Kevin Wilson.

For competition, the students have ten minutes to prepare for their presentation and ten minutes to present it in front of judges. The judges can act as the student's boss, employee, or customer, depending on the scenario. There are three competitions: District Competition, State Competition, and International Competition. For district, the whole team competes, and possibly qualify to go to State, and depending how an individual places in state, they can be on their way to the International Competition.

"We get the opportunity to travel to different places around the country. That is something that other clubs at our school do not of-

fer. That's my favorite advantage of DECA," said senior Ross Myers.

This year, after competing at district on January 12, 2013, 12 members and 3 teams qualified for state. From March 3rd through March 5th they travelled to Indianapolis for the competition.

Two members, junior Matt Csonka and senior Ross Myers qualified for International Competition taking first place at state. International was held in Anaheim, California on April 23rd through April 28th. Myers's subject was Automotive and Csonka's was Business Service Management. They stayed at The Hilton Garden Inn at Garden Grove, California. MacFarland and senior Blaire Gearhart accompanied the boys at International. This was Myers's third year competing at Internationals and Csonka's first time. "International was a fantastic experience. I'm grateful for being able to participate at International and strive to attend again next year," said Csonka.

DECA is open to any student interested in the business area and wishes to study in business. DECA begins early in the school year, and ends around April, depending if you qualify for state or international.

"The whole purpose of DECA is to get kids ready for a business career and get people familiar with the subject so they can become a good business leader," said MacFarland. "You can reach farther places and show off how good you are; locally, statewide, even internationally."

DECA

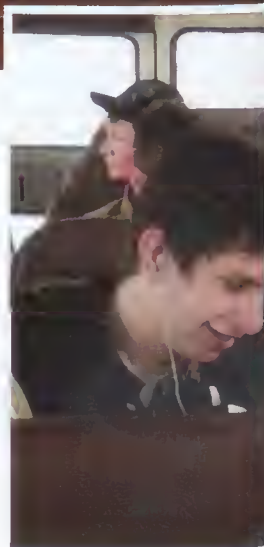


Row 1: Jackie Johns, Matt Csonka, Ross Myers, Blaire Gearhart
Row 2: Melissa Chiaro, Kevin Wilson, Joshua Kime, Brianna Schramm, Deanna Johanson, Kayla LaBuda
Row 3: David Schell, Alec Fowler, Scott MacFarland, Kiki Dunn, Nick Johnson



➔ After the nerve-racking competition at state, the team decides to relax and have a meal at The Old Spaghetti Factory. "The dishes they served were delicious and we all enjoyed ourselves. It's a tradition to eat there every year," said sophomore Elijah Pierce.

➔ On the way to Indianapolis for the state competition, senior Andy Duhon and junior Kathryn Baum listen to some tunes. "Andy was showing me some new songs. He has a good sense of music," said Baum.



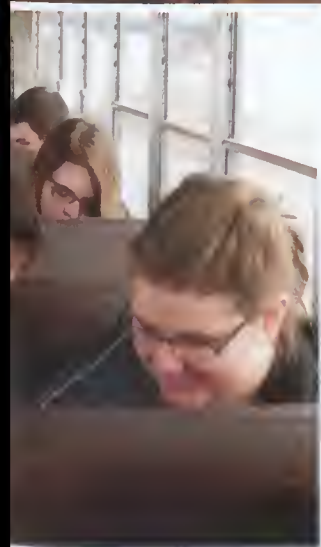
➔ Excitement rushed to seniors Blaire Gearhart and Jackie Johns as they stood proudly to receive their medals at the state competition in Indianapolis. "It's been a great experience being in DECA. I hope the newcomers enjoy it too," said Gearhart.

➔ Preparing for the district competition, senior Christy Anzur role plays with DECA advisor Scott Macfarland and senior Blaire Gearhart. "After the competition, we qualified for state. It was an experience I'll never forget, I wish I had joined DECA sooner," said Anzur.



➔ Sophomore Nick Johnson, juniors Josh Kime and Matt Csonka, and senior Andy Duhon walk in downtown Indianapolis, enjoying a cool breeze after eating at The Old Spaghetti Factory. "We loved walking around and goofing off. We definitely bonded that day," said Johnson.

➔ On the second day of state, the DECA team bonds during a dinner break after competing. "We go out to eat, play some games, and just be ourselves. We're a really close team," said junior Josh Kime.



Helping those in need

A Christmas wish comes true

The National Honor Society is one of the most highly respected clubs that high school students can participate in. Even being considered for a membership on the society is a huge achievement that a student can make. Students are first considered for induction based on their cumulative grade point average of above a 3.0. After the intense process of listing your involvements and going through the induction ceremony, the members of National Honor Society are expected to fulfill four main points: Service, Leadership, Character and Citizenship. Service is the expectation to serve the community and school without any compensation. Leadership requires students to be dependable, resourceful, and portray positive behavior during class and in their community. Students of good character uphold the proper principles of morality and ethics. Students that demonstrate good citizenship are involved in activities within their community and school and understand the importance of democracy and freedom.

"Fulfilling the main principles of National Honor Society is a huge part of obtaining your membership. All members are expected to display positive behavior and attend all meetings to ensure their membership," said senior president Blaire Gearhart.

Besides following the basic requirements of NHS, members are required to attend all functions that students put on. Each event is worth a different amount of credits. To graduate with National Honor Society cords, members have to participate in 30 hours of volunteer-

ing.

One of the main priorities of the National Honor Society is to help anyone in need. For the past two years, NHS has put on a movie night for Griffith High School and elementary school students to view. Last year they showed *The Polar Express*, where they turned the auditorium into a train station. This year, NHS showed the movie *Elf* on December 6th to raise money for two families in need. To be admitted into the movie, viewers could either donate five dollars or bring a present for two young children with families in need. Besides putting on the movie, members of NHS had to sell tickets at the door and wrap the presents that were given by the spectators.

"The movie night was a huge success. Helping the families and making a difference in their Christmas impacted my life greatly. Besides wrapping presents and collecting tickets, the staff bonded and really got to know each other," said junior Matthew Csonka.

On December 9th, NHS went to Beiriger Elementary School to aid in their annual Santa Breakfast. Some of the members were assigned to the kitchen where they made pancakes and served food to the children. The others went to the gym to help with the games and hand out prizes to the kids.

"It felt really rewarding to help all of the kids. They were really excited when we got there, and they really looked up to us. It is great to know we made a difference," said junior Jonathon Madrigal.

National Honor Society



Row 1: Destiny Barajas, Ailey Clark, Chandler Adkins, Amy Bubala, Erica Yost, Allison Nolan

Row 2: Emily Tuttle, Julia Saberniak, Caylee Adams, Jeanette Salazar, Stacy Weber, Alyssa Melchor

Row 3: Janelle Owczarzak, Cindy McInerney, Julie Duvnjak, Brooke Pospychala, Steven Marquez, Stefanie Soy, Miryea Cisneros, Sydney Hilbrich

Row 4: Sara Joyce, Katie Bridges, Jonathon Madrigal, Austin Brown, Jack Kessey, Jordan Long, Matt Seiluns, Matthew Csonka, Mia Dal Santo

Officers

Row 1: Blaire Gearhart, Jackie Johns, Stephanie Younker

Row 2: Andrew Folwer



➔ Senior Steven Marquez prepares pancakes for students at the Santa Breakfast at Beiriger Elementary School. "I was pretty excited that I got to flip pancakes all morning. I did pretty good, and no one complained to me about them tasting bad," said Marquez.



➔ Senior Stefanie Soy helps senior Jackie Johns wrap presents for families in need at their movie night. "It feels really great knowing that you have helped someone receive presents for Christmas. Everyone should have that opportunity," said Johns.



Criteria to be a member of NHS

To become a member of NHS, students have to go through extensive requirements to be considered for induction. After being recommended by teachers, students have to fill out a long point system based on their involvements and clubs at GHS. Following the announcement of the acceptance into NHS, new members must attend an induction where they take an oath to fulfill the duties of a proper National Honor Society member.

➔ Handing out candy to a little girl, senior Matt Seiluns awards a student for winning the spinning wheel game. "It was very rewarding to see the little children play the bag toss; it was even more fulfilling to know that I had a lot of repeat customers," said Seiluns.

➔ Wrapping presents, seniors Miryea Cisneros and Zach Grin try to make their presents look perfect. "It was hard for me to wrap presents since I had never done it in my life. Everyone had to wrap my presents, and it was really embarrassing," said Cisneros.



Hands *helping* paws

FCCLA reaches out to the shelter

Family Career and Community Leaders of America, known as FCCLA, is a club at Griffith High School sponsored by Lynn Roades, FACS teacher. FCCLA is a community service club that helps the public. The group contributed to women shelters to humane societies around the area. FCCLA has been established for about 10 years in Griffith High School, and was started in 1998 by Margie Keithley. Keithley handed it down to the current sponsor, Roades.

Call-outs for FCCLA were in the middle of August. Students paid five dollars to be a member of this club. The money that the members gave at the beginning of the year went to the supplies for the Humane Society along with money to hand out a scholarship every few years.

"I love FCCLA, I get to help animals and people. I love getting to help the community especially with my friends," said sophomore Brianne Robertson.

FCCLA usually starts out with 100 members in the fall, then slowly the member numbers drop to around 50 active members.

Every year FCCLA is apart of the same familiar community service projects. They do activities such as participating in the Homecoming parade walking dogs, trying to raise money for the Humane Society. They also read books to underprivileged kids. The group visited the Humane Society in February. They also collected winter items for a women's shelter. "We are always looking

for new projects to do and I always try to do something once a month," said Roades, FCCLA sponsor.

To get in the Christmas giving spirit, the FCCLA set up a Christmas tree in the display window. The tree was named the "Mitten Tree" and was decorated with various winter accessories such as scarves, gloves, and hats. All items that were placed on the tree were donated to the local women's shelter. Donations were taken most of the month of December, and were brought to the shelter the last week before break, December 21st. Numerous items were collected in this time period, and the shelter was very thankful for the donations GHS made.

Friday, February 22, 14 members of FCCLA went to the Munster Humane Society. Each FCCLA member that went was required to bring different items the Human Society uses on a day to day basis such as towels, laundry detergent, food for the animals, water bowls, and many more items. When the FCCLA members first got there they were put to work by sorting out different items for the Humane Society's Silent Auction. Then the FCCLA members were given a tour of the Humane Society and all that they have to do in a day's work. "The Humane Society was really fun. It was really sad seeing all the animals in cages without a home. I really enjoyed playing with the little, black puppy! It was so cute!" said senior Irene Gutierrez.



➔ Leading the FCCLA members in the homecoming parade seniors Shannon Kunka and Ann Ficht hold the FCCLA banner while the rest of the club walked their dogs. "It was great to hold the banner and walk with my friends in my last parade," said Ficht.

➔ FCCLA members take a tour through the Humane Society learning about the different animals there. "We were looking at the cats in cat colony, I'm not a huge fan of cats but they were really cute," said junior Tessa Trueblood.





➔ While walking through the Humane Society, sophomore Catie Gregor, plays with the puppies. "They were so little and cute, and their eyes were so little and I loved how they looked at me," said Gregor.

➔ Sophomore Tina Brantley and senior Irene Gutierrez help sort items for the Humane Society's Silent Auction. "It's my last year of FCCLA this year, I'll really miss helping people out and just doing all that I can to lend a hand," said Brantley.



➔ Senior Mia Dal Santo and Roads begin to plan the next FCCLA event the members will be apart of. "I'm the president of FCCLA and I always help Mrs. Roads plan events. I'll miss FCCLA next year, but I know I helped make a difference," said Dal Santo.

FCCLA



Row 1: Jamie Rex, Chloe Norton, Mia Dal Santo

Row 2: Savannah Gutierrez, Samie Johnson, Ailey Clark, Kaitlyn Meyer, Lauren Vieyra, Daniella Ayala, Marissa Perez, Victoria Holtzer, Lynn Roades

Row 3: Katie James, Alexys Corona, Riley Hendron, Camesha Scheeringa, Alyssa Melchor, Lisa Calvillo, Mariah Fowler, Maegan Glass

Row 4: Shannon Kunka, Nathaniel Vuckovich, Savannah Burge, Becky Gong, Caroline Rutherford, Melissa Chiaro, Sierra Gutierrez, Leandra Wimmer, Cara Smith

Row 5: Caylee Adams, Chelsea Waddel, Alana Swopes, Monica Gonzalez, Paige Obermeyer, Julia Saberniak, Catie Gregor, Tina Brantley, Arlynn Corona, Julie McCarthy

Row 6: Kassidy Grumbles, Brianne Robertson, Brianna Schram, Hunter Fleming, Andrew Pelot, Tessa Trueblood, Bobbi Davis, Amber Murphy, Ashley Pinkham, Kristi Grumbles

Humane Society



"It's great to help the Humane Society in any way I can. I enjoyed being around all the animals the most."
Becky Gong, 10

"It was really great going to the Humane Society. I love helping out all the animals there. My favorite part was playing with the dogs."

Maegan Glass, 12



Decorating the halls

A new take on Booster Club

Trying to keep the school tradition, the Booster Club started off in the fall by decorating lockers for all the fall sport athletes. Before sectionals, Booster Club would put signs around school to support and encourage all the teams in their upcoming games.

"It was a lot easier on me this year. All we had to do was take a piece of paper, and write the player's name, number, and then to wish them luck on the upcoming game. Sometimes we could get creative with what we said and it made the meeting exciting, causing the club to bond," said sophomore Sarah Dodson.

The club continued to decorate the school with Homecoming season. As always, students in Booster Club put balloons near the student entrance, taped streamers to the walls, and hung signs on the football teams lockers, wishing athletes good luck before their big game.

"As a cheerleader, it's always fun when all the students get involved in Homecoming week. When I was decorating for Booster Club, it made me even more excited for the dance. I got to spend time with my friends and get the school ready for the big game," said freshman Sabrina Garcia.

This year Booster Club had two new sponsors: Shannon Scheidel, Family Consumer Science, and Jenna Berzy, Social Studies. The sponsors have changed quite a bit in the past few years because of differ-

ent teachers leaving the school. It takes dedication and hard work for sponsors to keep the club running.

"It's a lot of commitment to run a club, especially more than one. I spend more time than most teachers helping out with school activities and they keep me busy," said Berzy.

Booster Club wasn't very busy during the winter months. Winter sports didn't start their post seasons until late January or early February, which caused for the club to get a late start on supporting the winter teams. The club met after school and spent a few hours making signs to hang on the winter athletes' lockers. Students worked the next day to put up the signs.

Booster club attempted to organize a day that they would spend decorating the town of Griffith during winter in preparation for Christmas. They planned to add Christmas spirit in downtown Griffith along Broad Street but unfortunately this planned failed and left some students in disappointment.

"I was really excited to decorate around town. It was something completely different that we've never done before. I was looking forward to it and was disappointed when it never actually happened," said junior Kaitlyn Meyer.

Booster Club hopes to add more activities to their agenda in the upcoming school years, but for now, it's their job to spread school

Booster Club



Row 1: Leondra Wimmer, Sarah Dodson, Caylee Adams, Ailey Clark, Camryn Linders, Sabrina Garcia, Rebecca Carpenter

Row 2: Victoria Holtzer, Alexis Singer, Lisa Calvillo, Teliya Loudember, Megan Garcia, Destiny Moore, Banesa Garcia

Row 3: Dana Lesniewski, Daniella Ayala, Jillian Beaupain, Taylor Dunagon, Emily Martoccio, Christy Slagle, Alissa Sims, Kailey Shepard, Shannon Scheidel

Row 4: Stacy Weber, Stephanie Younker, Riley Henderson, Alexys Corona, Courtney Washik, Arlene Corona, Darian Freda, Brooke Maglish, Elizabeth Morikis

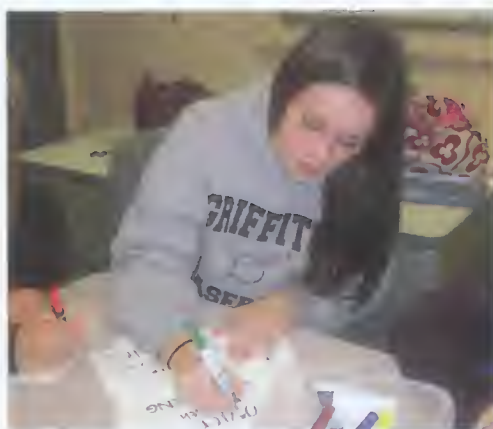
Row 5: Lauren Viera, Marisa Rios, Janelle Owczarzak, Taylor Kazmer, Kersten Collins, Lily Marivilla, Miryea Cisneros, Rebecca Perez, Rachel Adams, Kaitlyn Meyer

Row 6: Sydney Hilbrich, Stefanie Soy, Bobbi Davis, Sara Joyce, Tessa Trueblood, Kiki Dunn, Katie Bridges, Brooke Pospychala, Sara Fish, Brianne Robertson, Sarah Vrabley



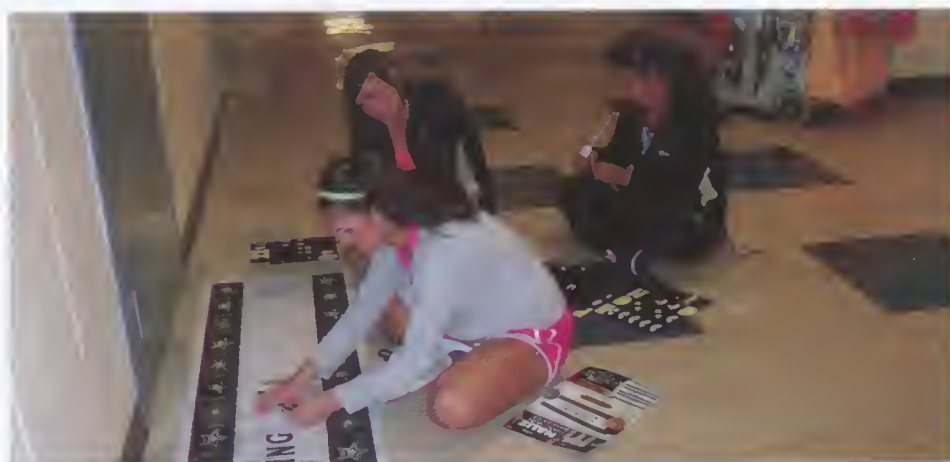
➔ While decorating signs for the student athletes, freshman Arlynn Corona makes a sign for the boys basketball team. "I'm not the most creative person, so making signs isn't my favorite thing to do. Because it is to help show support to our school, I always help out," said Corona.

➔ Deciding what to decorate next, sophomores Elizabeth Morikis and Rebecca Carpenter wait for their next assignment. "I had a good time decorating for Homecoming because I got to spend time with my friends and got excited for the dance," said Morikis.

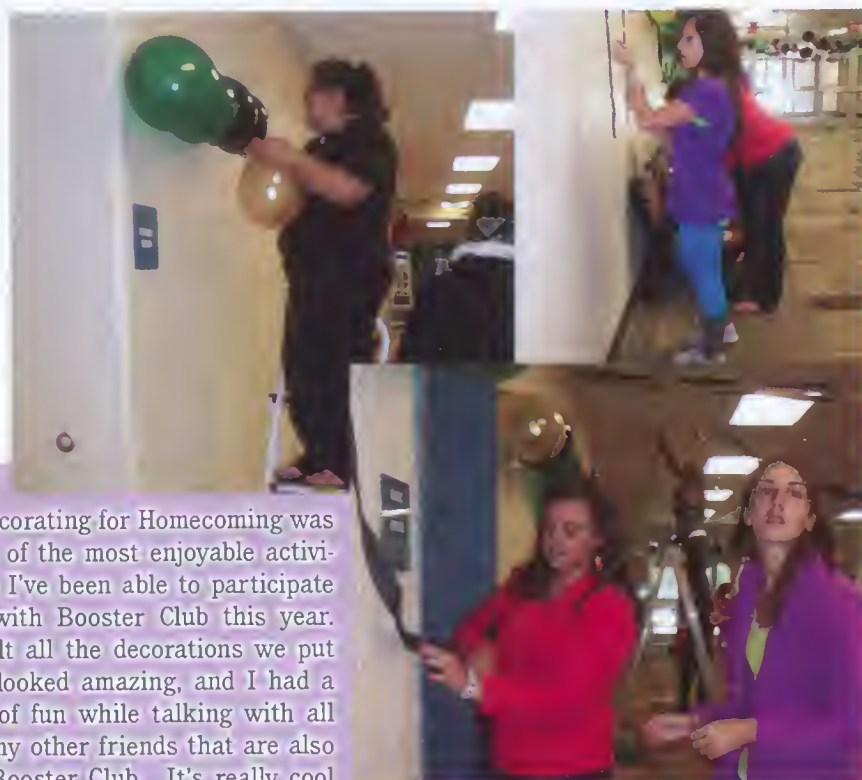


➔ Participating in making signs for Booster Club, junior Tessa Trueblood decorates signs to hang on lockers for the winter sports teams. "It doesn't take a lot of time to make signs and they help add a touch of school spirit in the hallways," said Trueblood.

➔ Making a sign for the hallway, juniors Rebecca Perez, Sarah Vrabely, and Marisa Rios work together to get the job done. "I'm glad I got to work with my friends to decorate because it made the time go by a lot faster," said Vrabely.



Showing Our *Spirit*



"Decorating for Homecoming was one of the most enjoyable activities I've been able to participate in with Booster Club this year. I felt all the decorations we put up looked amazing, and I had a lot of fun while talking with all of my other friends that are also in Booster Club. It's really cool to know that everything we do is making the halls colorful with our school colors. It kind of felt that for a short time, we were in charge of the school, being able to show a little bit of our independent designs and ideas, while still sticking to the old school techniques. It was awesome to feel like our voices mattered. I'm really glad I joined Booster Club this year, and I definitely plan to stick with it for the rest of my high school career," said Lisa Cavillo, 11.

Going *worldwide*

Students explore other cultures

International club was made to introduce students to a variety of foods, cultures, and ideas from other countries. Students learn about international differences as well as equality. This club helps students understand other people in different countries and learn about their habitat and customs as well. Being in International Club can also help students relate to others and find common interest with foreign people.

Students can try new foods, travel with their friends, and if they are lucky enough, they might make a handful of new friends through the process. At meetings, the group talks about lunch-ins for the upcoming months and places where each individual has traveled. "We go to different places and try different activities with our friends which is something we normally wouldn't do by ourselves; it's a very exciting and interesting experience," said sophomore Rebecca Schnoor.

The club normally sells wreaths during the holidays, Mardi Gras beads, and T-shirts. "The money we raise helps pay for our trips to restaurants and other field trips we may have in mind," said International Club sponsor Jenna Candiano, social studies. This year they have gone to Asparagus, Abuelos, BC Osaka, Cafe Borgia, Cafe Fondue, and House of Kobe.

"At BC Osaka, I learned that there are 30 different kinds of sushi," said sophomore Marcus Johnson. The club tries to go to

many different kinds of restaurants as possible.

"We always try to go once a month to restaurants, but it all depends where the students want to go," said head of International Club Lorraine Hageman, foreign language. The members vote which restaurant they want to go to next, they make sure they have a variety of restaurants to try.

International Club also tries to take a trip to Chicago once a year. This year they went to The Museum of Science and Industry to learn how Christmas is celebrated differently around the world. "We meet different people and experience different cultures and foods by all of the traveling that we do; I love meeting all these new people" said junior Breanna Sanchez.

Every three to four years, the club plans an out of the country trip. It helps the students experience a hands-on opportunity with different cultures and learn about the way of life of that country they are traveling to. "It's always great to learn about different ethnicities and their customs," said freshman Riley Hendron.

Each year the club tries to do new things and hopes to encourage more and more students to join the club. It's never too late to join. "Never shoot down something just because it's different, have an open mind," said International Club president Ailey Clark.

International Club



Row 1: Emily Solar, Alejandra Leon, Banesa Garcia, Bri-Anne Andriessen, Jackie Johns, Emily Kuzmanoff, Ailey Clark, Blaire Gearhart, Destiny Barajas, Savannah Gutierrez, Jocelyn Serna.
Row 2: Alexys Corona, Shannon Kunka, Sierra Gutierrez, Rebecca Schnoor, Stephanie Younker, Alyssa Melchor, Chandler Adkins, Rachel Adams, Lauren Vieyra, Amber Holly, Marcus Johnson.
Row 3: Breanna Sanchez, Melissa Chiaro, Madeline Gee, Caylee Adams, Deziree Walker, Gabriel Lewis Daneck, Taylor Louie, Deanna Johanson, Arlynn Corona, Riley Hendron, Katie James.
Row 4: Sarah Gatlin, Savannah Burge, Brooke Pospychala, Stacy Weber, Julie Duvnjak, Cindy McInerney, Blair Morton, Celeste Villarruel, Becky Gong, Jacob Adams, Danuella Ayala, Diane Torres.
Row 5: Miryela Cisneros, Abbi Kik, Kathryn Baum, Chloe Norton, Ashlyn Paris, Amber Murphy, Jawhara Haddad, Karely Spriggs, Emily Tuttle, Jacy Vuckovich, Andrea Leon, Savannah Sammons.
Row 6: Jake Lemus, Jamie Rex, Jacob Garastuk, Andy Duhon, Brett Tauber, Kiki Dunn, Nick Johnson, Hunter Fleming, Elijah Pierce, Mia Dal Santo, Joshua Kime, Steven Marquez, Cara Smith.



➔ "It's always good to try and experience new things," says freshman Arlynn Corona. While in these meetings, members discuss where they will go next. "We were discussing our next luncheon, we choose BC Osaka in February," Corona said.



➔ Admiring a Swedish Christmas tree, sophomore Blair Morton enjoys learning about different cultures. "Over Christmas break, we went to The Museum of Science and Industry. I learned about different holidays and the train system in Chicago," said Morton

Club Favorites



"It's extremely fun to try different restaurants and learn new foods and cultures. It's very exciting."

Andy Duhon, 12

"My favorite restaurant is Cafe Fondue, my favorite part is the cheese. I'm looking forward to it this year."

Joshua Kime, 11



"I love talking about all the restaurants we go to and all the activities we do as well."

Diane Torres, 9



➔ Eating new food, sophomore Caroline Ruthford tries sushi at BC Osaka. "I didn't like it, but I liked the other food they offered," Ruthford said. While Ruthford tried sushi, sophomore Savannah Burge enjoyed her dessert. "It's a good place to eat," said Burge.

➔ Juniors Emily Tuttle, Erica Yost, and Chandler Adkins savored the tasty Asian dishes that BC Osaka offers. "BC Osaka is my favorite restaurant that I have been to this year. It has all the food you can imagine," said Tuttle.

The hallways of Griffith High School lead to many different places, but two in particular stand out to the student athletes of GHS. The intersection of the "G Hall" and the "C Hall" lead to the gyms where digs are made and three-point shots are taken. Outside of these hallways, that are contained within the school, is the home of fields where home runs are hit, miles are ran, and touchdowns are made accompanied by a cheering crowd. Alongside the fields, there are courts where backhands are perfected and aces are made. The 2012-2013 sports season was no exception.

Students worked for hours after school, perfecting their shots and throws for the upcoming season. The athletes ran to improve endurance and worked out to improve their muscle mass. Each individual had one thing in common: working hard to maintain a successful season.

Some of us may remember the last quarter of the first round sectional football game here at the "Boneyard." Many of the teams' players were out due to injuries, but the Highland Trojans did not seem to care. Injuries still occurred on the field when junior Justin Green was taken away by ambulance on a stretcher. That moment marked the beginning of the final quarter and the end of their season, finishing with a record of 3-7. "In their [fan's] eyes, the season may have looked like a failure to many people, but it was a season of rebuilding and finding ourselves due to the previous head coach, Russ Radtke, leaving the team and Jim Pickett taking over the program," said junior Tristin Olsen.

Remember when the student body traveled to Highland High School to support the girls varsity soccer team in their first ever sectional championship game in years? The stands were filled with supportive students encouraging the players and lifting their spirits even when the referees' calls favored the Lake Central Indians, giving the opposing team the sectional championship title.

The boys varsity basketball team encountered a transformation this year with the new head coach, Gary Hayes. "We tend to have harder practices this year where Hayes pushes us in practice to achieve more than what we are showing. The team is composed of young and old players but through experience and the help of our coach Hayes, we have a chance to be an outstanding team," said junior Flint Powell.

All in all, the different sports seasons all offered the same experience. The seasons filled players with joy, happiness and sometimes even sadness when seniors realized a postseason game was their last chance to play the sport they enjoyed with their teammates. Each season allows GHS athletes to take pride in themselves, their teammates, and strive to be the best competitors all while being a high school student.

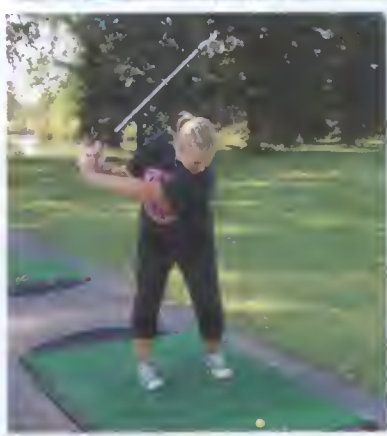


Work hard, play harder

Courtney Bell, 10



Paige Obermeyer, 11



Brett Tauber, 10



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While racing against her Hobart competitor, senior Jesse Yarnelle swims the breast stroke for the Griffith Girls Swimming team. Yarnelle finished first in her race, bringing home another win for Griffith. "I've been swimming for our years now and it's defiantly hard work, but I love it and I am good at swimming so the effort I put into the sport is worth it in my eyes," said Yarnelle.



Row 1: Evan Masters, Bo Sanders, Griffin Metz, Nick Mosqueda, Michael Hedrick, Zach Thomas, Jacob Cuevas, Michael Darrough, Nathan Vuckovich
Row 2: Collin Sutton, Ryan Kong, Joey Rivera, Steven Marquez, Lawrence Mosely, Brett Brinkley, Andrew Figueroa, Nathan Reitz, Matt Miller
Row 3: Antonio Garcia, BJ Jarrells, Preston Nelson, Cory Dunagan, Jeremiah Ratliff, Arturo Mendoza, Alex Diaz, Aaron Metz, Justin Green, Chance Edwards, Alexander Kepchar
Row 4: Matt Colomes, Luke Smith, Ben Stassin, Ramon Luevano, Ryan Dunlap, Nathan Sierra, Blake Megquier, Troy Cullen, Jordan Gonzalez, Seth Meece
Row 5: Dakota Broelmann, Tristin Olsen, Kyle Buikema, Tyler Pena, Chris Benko, Marcus Marsenic, Brandon Brummet, Tyler Palinca, Ross Smith, Jared Lipski
Row 6: Justin Harris, Tyler Lipski, Austin Brown, Brandon White, Cameron Kegebein, Ben Parish, Zach Stickley, Zach Grin, Tyler Douglas, Joey Golub, Michael Douglas
Row 7: Taylor Louie, JR Ford, Michael Brown, Anthony Zarndt, Greg Potosky, Doug Smith, Emily Kuzmanoff

Football

Varsity:

Morton	42-35
New Prairie	14-7
Hobart	38-13
Lowell	36-35
Kankakee Valley	35-14
Munster	27-25
Highland	41-14
Andean	42-25
East Chicago	35-0
Highland (sect.)	20-18

Final Record: 3-7

Junior Varsity:

Morton	40-38
New Prairie	28-16
Hobart	48-14
Lowell	28-27
Kankakee Valley	45-6
Munster	30-6
Highland	28-0
Andean	38-20
East Chicago	24-0

Final Record: 6-3

➔ Getting into his stance, senior Alex Diaz waits for the Andean quarterback to start the play. "I was very focused on making sure the 49'ers didn't get a first down by a pass," said Diaz.

➔ The Griffith Panthers huddled up to get pumped before for their first home game. "Before every game, we all get really focused. We huddle up after we warm up and go over the game plan," said sophomore Lawrence Mosely.



➔ Attempting to catch a pass, senior Joey Golub battles to reach for the football against a 49'er. "It's really difficult to catch the ball, but I always seem to do it," said Golub.

➔ Scoring the Panthers' second touchdown against New Prairie High School, senior Brett Brinkley runs for the end zone. "We all played our hardest since we were up against Radtke's new team," said Brinkley.



A whole new ball game

Panthers adjust to dramatic changes

The Griffith Panthers were forced to adjust to multiple changes throughout the season. Before the end of the 2011-2012 school year, it was announced that coach, Russ Radtke, had moved from GHS to New Prairie High School in New Carlisle, Indiana. Radtke had ended his career with 171-64 in 19 years with ten sectional titles and four regional titles to go with a state championship. Suddenly, the question of who would coach the team was the top conversation around the school. Rumors of coaches from other schools and parents coaching arose amongst the students. Administration announced at the end of the year that Jim Pickett, Social Studies, would take over the head coaching position.

With a new coach, the season started as usual. Summer workouts started the day after school ended to build up endurance and muscle strength for the new season. On August 1st, the season had officially started. The Panthers stayed after school for hours to perfect their plays and to be sure they took home a win every Friday night. The boys had to adjust to Coach Pickett's new and improved plays. Even though they dealt with a completely new ball game, the boys stayed focused and cooperated with the new adjustments.

The Panthers had to face New Prairie High School for their first home game. The game was expected to have a huge turnout since previous coach, Radtke, was bringing his new team. For fans, it was hard to believe that Radtke would be entering the Boneyard again as anything but a Panther. Unfortunately, the boys had underestimated the strength of New Prairie and lost the game with a score of 14-7.

The Panthers were on a four game losing streak until they defeated the Munster Munstangs and the Highland Trojans the next two

weeks. The next game, the players were faced with the unstoppable Andrean 49'ers for their senior night. Luck was not in the Panthers' favor for the game when senior Ben Parish suffered a concussion during the game, senior Preston Nelson hurt his ankle, and junior Tyler Douglas re-injured his Achilles tendon. At the game at East Chicago Central, seniors Austin Brown and Brett Brinkley were injured. Brown received a concussion, and Brinkley re-injured his neck. Junior Kyle Buikema had previously fractured his spine and was out for the rest of the season. With so many injuries, the boys had to reorganize plays and positions to assure a Sectional win.

"We were really nervous on how we were going to fix all of the positions but we stayed positive throughout the process," said junior Kyle Buikema.

The boys faced the Highland Trojans in the first round of Sectionals. Since three starters were unable to play due to injuries, Panther fans became worried for the outcome of the game. With starting quarterback, Austin Brown, and second-string quarterback Kyle Buikema out of the game, third-string quarterback junior Tyler Palinca had to take on the important role of quarterback. The game relied on new student, junior Justin Green, to constantly run the ball for the touchdown. The Panthers could not have had worse luck when Green did not stand up from a rough tackle. An ambulance was rushed onto the field and Green was taken to the hospital immediately. The Trojans regained possession of the ball and ran for a touchdown to win the game. The boys left the field and ended their season with a disappointing loss to the Trojans but continued to have high hopes for the future season.

Players' Corner



"The injuries on the team made the season difficult. It was our first year with a new coach and we had to adapt to his new ways," said Ross Smith, 11.



"This season had an unexpected outcome due to injuries, but we stuck together through the season as a team," said Tyler Palinca, 11.



"The season was alright. Our record could have been better, but we worked really hard and it brought us close," said Andrew Figueroa, 12.

➔ Blocking Highland from catching the ball, senior Ben Parish pumels Highland's quarterback Gunner Grider. "When I saw Gunner with the ball, I knew it was my opportunity to tackle him. I just went for it," said Parish.

➔ Trying to dodge a tackle, senior Austin Brown tries to make yet another touchdown for the Panthers. "We were really focused at the Munster game. The season wasn't in our favor, so we tried our hardest to win," said Brown.



Practice Makes Perfect



"Being a captain, you not only need to make sure you're giving your 100%, you need to push everyone to practice their hardest as well. Having friends on the team helps working out and running because we weren't focusing on being so tired and sore. Soccer has taught me to never give up because you never know how close you are to success," said senior Andrew Rothchild.

"Facing strong teams such as Munster, Andean and other 5A schools, I felt like I stepped up my game and did very well. When we faced teams with lesser skills, I felt like I didn't do as well as I should have. During practice, we do many running and technique drills but no matter what crazy drill it is, our coach makes sure we're always moving," said junior Carlos Tellez.



Row 1: Jacob Kamaski, Jesus Adalpe, Matthew Potacki, Noah Duvnak, Jacob Rothchild

Row 2: Jose Gonzalez, Isaiah Jimenez, Carlos Tellez, Jordan Avalos, Cesar Rodriguez, Zane Fassoth, Michael Alvarez

Row 3: Christian Anaya, Steven Sharp, Andrew Rothchild, Mark Plawecki, Thomas Kudyba, Al Hassan, David Schell, Jordan Gonzalez



Row 1: Mark Alvarez, Jose Gonzalez, Jacob Rothchild, Eddie Land, Andrew Vera

Row 2: Tyler Leffel, Sergio Gonzalez, Nathan Szabo, Daniel Perez, Isaiah Jimenez, Dylan Derucki

Row 3: Adrian Lopez, Zane Fassoth, Danny Bolda, Carl Koch, Michael Alvarez, Stefan Million, Jacob Kamaski

Boys Soccer



Varsity:

Highland	1-0
Morton	7-0
Hobart	5-0
East Chicago	2-0
Andean	1-0
LaPorte	0-0
Michigan City	1-0
Kankakee Valley	1-0
Portage	1-0
Bishop Noll	1-0
Lowell	5-0
Gavit	6-1
Wheeler	0-0
Clark	2-0
Lake Central (sect.)	1-0

Final Record: 7-8

Junior Varsity:

Highland	7-2
Hobart	2-0
East Chicago	2-0
Andean	2-1
Munster	7-1
LaPorte	2-1
Michigan City	1-0
Kankakee Valley	2-0
Portage	4-1
Bishop Noll	3-1
Lowell	3-1
Wheeler	3-0

Final Record: 4-8



➔ Attempting to begin a play, sophomore Cesar Rodriguez jumps over his opponent at Portage High School to pass the ball to another teammate. "While starting a play, I feel pretty confident on the field and try to keep calm and not get nervous," said Rodriguez.

➔ Standing respectively together with hands on each other's backs, the boys soccer team began their game with the National Anthem. "During the pre-game, the soccer team stands together, listens, and hopes for a good game," said junior Mark Plawecki.



Panthers start off right

Boys soccer season contains highs and lows

After the season commenced with an unexpected win against Highland High School, the Griffith boys varsity soccer team began their season on a high note. The boys didn't expect to win against Highland because the Trojans were a great rival of the Griffith Panthers. The team conquered Highland by one point to begin their three game winning streak. Morton High School was also beaten by Griffith. The Varsity Panthers stepped all over the Morton Governors defeating them 7-0. A game against Hobart was the next game in the Panthers' winning streak. At Hobart High School, Griffith beat the home team 5-0.

Ending the streak, East Chicago defeated Griffith with an outcome of 1-0. "The East Chicago game was tough since we were injury stricken and I had to move to center middle. The field at East Chicago was a beautiful turf and only soccer was allowed to play on it. I felt amazing playing there even if we didn't win," said junior David Schell. The Panthers were beat by Andrean, 2-0 the next week. Griffith's game against LaPorte resulted in a tie of 0-0. "There's always a lot of competition during tied games and it's always entertaining," said sophomore Matt Potacki.

Towards the middle of the season, the team obtained a few minor injuries, but one major injury occurred to senior Jesus Adalpe. "Sitting on the sidelines watching the game was a terrible feeling but I needed to sit out to rest and let my back heal," said Adalpe. Adalpe was out for approximately half of the season. Senior Steven Sharp took over Adalpe's position on defense while he was watching, injured and anxious from the bench.

The Michigan City game ended in a close call with a winning Panther score of 1-0. Panther fans were excited to hear that the soccer

team won against Kankakee Valley, ending in a nail biting score of 1-0.

Continuing with the season, the Griffith Panthers lost their game against Portage resulting in a score of 1-0. The Panthers never lost any of their games this season by more than two points. "Varsity didn't do our best this year, but we tried hard to keep up the scores," said junior Zane Fassoth.

Griffith's game against Bishop Noll was another close call ending in the score of 1-0. Losing against the Bishop Noll Warriors inspired the Panthers to step up and win their next game. Griffith's next opponent was Lowell that resulted in a much needed win of 5-0 over the Red Devils. "It felt nice to beat Lowell by five goals after losing two games before that," said senior Jordan Gonzalez.

Gavit lost to the Griffith Panthers in their next game, with a final score of 6-1. The Panthers were looking good winning their last two games by five points. Griffith tied their next game against Wheeler High School with a score of 0-0.

The Panthers competed against Clark and won with a final score of 2-0. "We really had ups and downs throughout the whole season. We would win a few games and lose a few, but we stayed strong throughout the entire season," said junior Isaiah Jimenez.

Griffith's last game was a loss to Lake Central ending in a score of 1-0.

Although the Panthers were affected by losses against their rival teams, they still can reflect on the positive aspects of the season overall such as their victory against Highland. The team did not end on a positive note, but they look forward to the upcoming year.



➔ Running down the field in an effort to score a goal, senior Thomas Kudyba shows his skills off. "Whenever I'm on the soccer field, I try my best to stay focused as well as make goals and plays with my teammates," said Kudyba.

➔ Putting their hands in for a team huddle, the soccer team prepares for the game in a traditional breakdown. "Since my freshman year, we all get together in our huddle, get excited and plan the next play of the game," said senior Al Hassan.



Row 1: Emily Duhon, Julie Duvnjak, Amy Bubala, Lauren Hernandez, Caitlin Brown
Row 2: Janelle Owczarzak, Cindy McInerney, Breanna Ally, Vickie Smith, Krystal Mendoza, Yadi Castellanos, Stephanie Younker
Row 3: Don Curtis, Brooke Pospychala, Ally Krajnak, Walter Kudyba, Brianne Basham, Jesse Yarnelle, Cathy Tellez



Row 1: Savannah Gutierrez, Melanie Turner, Diane Torres, Tiffany Novak, Marissa Perez
Row 2: Emily Morrison, Courtney Valentas, Sarah Balboa, Kira Lisle, Mariah Fowler, Jacklyn Lopez, Jackie Chavez
Row 3: Walter Kudyba, Reanna Danielewicz, Sasha King, Don Curtis, Jesse Yarnelle, Megan Mann, Cathy Tellez

Girls Soccer



Varsity:

S.B. Adams	5-1
Bishop Noll	8-0
Hobart	9-2
Andrean	1-0
Wheeler	3-2
Munster	5-1
Lake Central	3-1
Merrillville	5-0
Kankakee Valley	1-0
Hanover Central	5-3
Lowell	3-1
Morton	11-0
Chesterton	2-1
Highland	2-1
Highland (sect.)	1-0
Lake Central (sect.)	4-2

Final Record: 10-6

Junior Varsity:

S.B. Adams	2-1
Bishop Noll	9-0
Wheeler	5-0
Munster	8-1
Merriville	2-1
Kankakee Valley	2-0
Hanover Central	0-0
Lowell	2-0
Crown Point	4-1
Chesterton	9-0
Chesterton	5-0
Highland	1-0

Final Record: 5-8



➔ Getting ready to throw the ball into play, junior Breanna Ally looks for another teammate. "This game was probably the toughest game I had ever played," said Ally. The Lady Panthers beat the Highland Trojans in the first round sectional game.



➔ With the ball at her feet, junior Emily Duhon looks for teammate junior Yadi Castellanos to pass her the ball. "I feel like I work well as a forward with Yadi," said Duhon. Duhon has played the forward position since she was about four years old.

➔ Dribbling past a defender, senior Cindy McInerney tries to get the ball to her teammate. "That game was my senior night and last home game of the season," said McInerney. McInerney scored two goals against Morton High School's soccer team.

Rising to the top

Soccer team beats their main competitor

The Griffith Lady Panthers made the right choice starting their conditioning practices in early March of 2012. The girls soccer team started with conditioning in the upstairs gym and ended their exercise sessions in the weight room. "The winter conditioning really gets you excited and pumped for the season to come," said junior Brianne Basham.

During the summer, the team practiced everyday for two hours in the scorching heat. A new change from last year's season was that the team moved back to their original soccer field. The Beriger soccer field was rebuilt. "The Ready Elementary soccer fields did not have a lot of maintenance and the other soccer fields were safer," said sophomore Emily Morrison. Another change to this summer's schedule was that the team's summer soccer tournament, located in Anderson, Indiana was cancelled. The team instead had some team bonding together the whole weekend at a teammates house. Also the Griffith High School soccer team did not participate in any summer scrimmages against local schools such as Lake Central, Kankakee Valley, and Highland High School.

The Lady Panthers started their season off very strong. The girls soccer team went on a five game winning streak. In their fourth game against a conference team, the Panthers spent the whole game tied to Andrean High School. The team went to penalty kicks and won. "This was the first game I ever had to go to penalty kicks and I was super nervous. I am glad that we did win," said junior Amy Bubala. After winning five games in a row, the Lady Panthers were ranked third in the region.

The Panthers lost 5-1 in their first game at Munster High School.

The team felt defeated after another loss to the Lake Central Indians. "Both teams are very competitive and I thought we should have won but we tried our very hardest and it was not good enough," said senior Krystal Mendoza. The Lady Panthers lost their last game in the regular season to the Highland Trojans 2-1. The team ended their season with nine wins and five losses.

After ending their season with a loss, the Griffith High School girls soccer team felt defeated. The girl's soccer team rose their spirits up after the loss at practice. The team prepared to play Highland High School in the first round of sectionals. Sectionals was held at the Highland Trojans soccer field. On a rainy October day, the Lady Panthers faced the Highland Trojans in a gruesome battle. Senior Krystal Mendoza scored the only goal for the Panthers. Later on during the game, Mendoza received a red card from the referee for pushing another player from Highland High School. The card did not allow Mendoza to play the rest of the game and the next game. The girl's soccer team won against the Trojans 1-0. "This was probably the most memorable game of my life. I was so proud of everyone. The weather was horrible but we still fought through it," said senior Julie Duvnjak. This was the first year that Griffith Lady Panthers passed the first round of sectionals; but this time, without Mendoza. With this win, the Lady Panthers advanced to the sectional final against Lake Central Indians the next day. The Griffith Panthers lost to the Indians 4-2.

The Griffith High School girl's soccer team was defeated in the sectional final, but the Lady Panthers beat their top competitor, Highland Trojans, which was a major accomplishment.

Player Profile

What is your greatest achievement in high school soccer?

"Making it all the way to the Sectional final this season."

Who is your role model?

"Cindy McInerney [senior], because she is awesome and persistent."

How long have you been playing soccer?

"I have been playing soccer since I was four years old."

What is your favorite memory from high school soccer?

"Scoring on my own goal in the Sectional final."

What advice would you give for future players?

"Enjoy every minute because it goes by very fast and never give up."

Lauren Hernandez, 11



➔ "Practice is always intense and it usually makes us more prepared for the game the next day," said sophomore Reanna Danielewicz. The team practices at Beriger Elementary for two hours everyday.



Row 1: Emily Tuttle, Jasmine Alvarez, Victoria Mares, Melissa Martinez, Jenna DeRolf, Erica Yost, Jessie Mazzone
Row 2: Jordan Baltus, Kennedy Baltus, Lisette Roldan, Erin Delaney, Abbi Kik, Ciarra Kroslack, Hannah Miller



Row 1: Madison Plebanski, Shania White, Blair Morton, Megan Garcia, Marissa Lopez
Row 2: Jessie Mazzone, Jacy Vuckovich, Terra Martin, Kate Chance, Cassi Root, Rhiannon Kozy, Emily Tuttle



Row 1: Kourtney Harris, Alissa Sims, Morgan Taylor, Cheyenne Lanxon
Row 2: Jessie Mazzone, Elana Jones, Bethany Brucer, Cassi Sigca, Allison Kumiega, Jasmine Lopez, Emily Tuttle

Volleyball

Varsity:

Merrillville	3-2	Gavit	2-0
East Chicago	3-0	Hanover Central	2-0
Whiting	3-0	Munster	3-0
Hammond High	3-1	Andean	3-0
Munster	3-0	Gavit	3-0
Andean	3-0	Hobart	3-0
Hobart	3-0	Highland	3-1
Winamac	2-0	Kankakee Valley	3-0
Merrillville	2-0	Gary Roosevelt	3-0
Morton	3-2	Lowell	3-2
Highland	3-2	Bishop Noll	3-0
Kankakee Valley	3-0	Gary Wallace	3-21
Lowell	3-0	(sect)	
North		Gavit	
Newton	2-0	(sect)	3-1
Calumet	2-0	Hammond High	
		(sect)	3-0

Junior Varsity:

Merrillville	2-1
East Chicago	2-0
Whiting	2-0
Hammond High	2-0
Munster	2-0
Andean	2-0
Hobart	2-0
Morton	2-0
Highland	2-0
Kankakee Valley	2-1
Lowell	2-1
Munster	2-0
Andean	2-0
Gavit	2-0
Hobart	2-0
Highland	2-0
Kankakee Valley	2-0
Gary Roosevelt	2-0
Lowell	2-1
Bishop Noll	2-1

Final Record: 11-19

Final Record: 6-14

➔ At a home game versus Morton, senior Ciarra Kroslack used her jump set to set sophomore Hannah Miller for an outside hit. "This was my fourth and final year of playing high school volleyball. Even though we had our ups and downs, this season is one I'll never forget," said Kroslack.

➔ Early in the season, junior Abbi Kik covered the ball. Covering is when the other team blocks the hit, the ball rebounds and another teammate is in charge of making sure it does not leave the court. "One of our many obstacles this season was learning new strategies and avoiding our old habits," said Kik.



➔ Watching to make sure junior Abbi Kik has the ball, junior Jordan Baltus covers at the "pink game" versus Gary Roosevelt. "This past year volleyball was very interesting with the new coach because she made a lot of changes to our technique and overall playing style," said Baltus.

Having a different mindset

Volleyball girls try a new approach to practicing

While most students were enjoying their free time, the members of the volleyball team were practicing and perfecting their plays. Beginning in the last week of May 2012, the team practiced three times a week during the summer and every day during the week from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. after the 2013 school year started. With the remainder of their free time, some team members chose to practice on their own in order to improve their skills. "Everyone improved this season; game-wise and team-wise," said junior Lisette Roldan.

This season marked a major change for the volleyball teams. Varsity, Junior Varsity, and the freshman team were all managed by new coaches. These coaches taught the girls in an unfamiliar way compared to previous coaches. "This season, the new coaches mainly focused on passing. In past years, we focused on everything; not just passing," said senior Melissa Martinez.

For the freshmen team, having new coaches did not phase them because this year was their first time playing on a high school team. However, Varsity and Junior Varsity had to adapt to the new style. "The coaches taught technique in a different way. They had us start from scratch and learn the basics again and then we moved on to new techniques," said sophomore Marissa Lopez.

For the first time, the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams held their practices together. Some girls on the team loved the change because they felt that it was better due to the various opportunities to bond. "Practice was just overall better with both teams together because it was more exciting. We were serious about playing but still had a great time," said Lopez.

"I liked practicing together because I received feedback from more

than one coach. I got two opinions on what I needed to work on and it felt great to be able to help out the Junior Varsity players as well," said junior Victoria Mares.

However, junior Jasmine Alvarez and senior Melissa Martinez felt that each team should have held practice separately. "Practicing with both teams was not a smart idea because the individual teams did not bond as well. I feel that if we had practice in separate gyms, the varsity team would have bonded more," said Martinez.

"I liked the coaches, but I felt that practices should not have been combined because everyone plays on a different level and being together really made it hard to improve," said Alvarez.

As a result of combining all teams in one gym, some of the Junior Varsity girls were promoted to play Varsity, such as sophomore Rhiannon Kozy, sophomore Shania White, and sophomore Madison Plebanski. Team bonding was an issue this year because of the combined practices. "The Varsity team didn't get along as well as we would have hoped. The practices prevented the team from getting close," said Martinez.

Despite these changes, the girls managed to bond occasionally during the season. "When we did have team bonding, we preformed well during the game," said Alvarez.

The season had its ups and downs for the volleyball girls but the team pushed through together and continued to the end of the season. The team adapted to the changes and improved overall. "The season, as far as competition goes, it was a little rough. We did end up winning sectionals when we finally worked with one another. By the end of the season it was all worth it," said Roldan.

Hard Work Pays Off



"By practicing everyday of the week at school and on weekends, my serving and hitting improved. I plan on practicing over the summer at Central Park in Griffith to get ready for next season," said freshman Cheyenne Lanxon.



"I have been playing volleyball for a total of six years now, and yet I have still drastically improved in playing. Beside school practices, I practice at home on my down time and do what I can to be the best that I can be," said junior Lisette Roldan.



➔ During the "pink game", freshmen Alissa Sims and Elana Jones sell baked goods in order to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. "The team raised sixty dollars and I was surprised to raise that much because everything was either a dollar or fifty cents," said Sims.

➔ Getting ready for the Breast Cancer Awareness game [also known as the "pink game"], junior Jenna DeRolf was putting pink duct tape on the line. "I'm proud of how successful the "pink game" went. I was even more impressed when we won sectionals this year," said DeRolf.



➔ After hearing the gun shot fire, junior Steven Paprocki begins the race determined to come out on top. "Personally, I had a better season compared to last year. As a team, we did not improve, therefore we did not qualify for regionals," said Paprocki.



➔ Senior Taylor Austin races to her two mile marker while competing at Oak Ridge Prairie against East Chicago and Morton. "Most people believe that cross country is an easy and boring sport, but it's a great stress reliever and a way to get in shape," said Austin.



➔ With about a mile to go until her two mile marker, freshman Daniella Ayala pushes through the pain. "I've been running for three years. High school prepares you much more for competition," said Ayala.

➔ While running at Oak Ridge Prairie, freshman Logan Sammons concentrates on catching up to the nearest competitor in front of him. "Cross country requires a lot of endurance. A competitor has to push through the pain. I set mental goals for myself to make sure I never stop," said Sammons.



Running a triple victory

Senior Taylor Austin crosses the line into State

Most athletes consider it an accomplishment to advance to conference just once, but for senior Taylor Austin, it's a part of her normal season. The 2012 cross country season marked the fourth time she had completed the Northwest Crossroads Conference Championship meet and also the third time she had qualified for State. She placed thirty-fifth in 2009, twenty-fourth in 2011 and twenty-second in 2012. To add to her achievements, she also made the IATCCC Girls Cross Country Team All-State all three years.

The Northwest Crossroads Conference Championship meet took place on September 29, 2012. With the guidance and support from her head coach, Shannon Scheidel, Austin finished with a time of 18:57, which helped her qualify for sectionals and win conference for the fourth time. "Conference was something we were going for because [Austin] does not really race Lake Central girls often. In the beginning, she was very cautious, but quickly realized she was in the lead. She kept her pace and won with over a minute between the runner-up," said Scheidel. "Since my sophomore year, it has been my goal to win conference all four of my high school years," said Austin.

Shortly after winning conference, Austin participated in the Gavit Sectional meet on October 9, 2012. She competed against qualifiers from Bishop Noll, Calumet, Clark, East Chicago Central, Gavit, Hammond High, Highland, Lake Central, Morton, Munster, West Side and Whiting. She crossed the finish line of her first race with a time of 19:08 and continued on to the second race in which her time was 20:16. Austin won sectionals and advanced to the next step in the competition process: regionals.

The Crown Point Regional meet took place at Lemon Park course on October 13, 2012. She qualified for the state competition after win-

ning regionals with a finishing time of 19:23. "Regionals was tough for Taylor. She had to run later than everyone else that competed for state. It was cold and rainy which did not help her at all. When she finished, she told me that she could not feel anything and was very shaky," said Scheidel.

Austin then advanced to the semi-state meet, which took place on October 20, 2012. She placed eighth overall with a time of 19:00. This time allowed her to qualify for the IHSAA girls state cross country meet for her third time.

When competing for state, a runner must beat one hundred ninety-nine other competitors in order to win first place. The state competition took place on October 27, 2012. Austin completed the race with a time of 18:48 and placed twenty-second. "I feel accomplished. I wish I would have placed in the top fifteen, but I'm glad I made the All-Star Team," said Austin. Austin earned her spot in the All-Star Cross Country meet that was scheduled to take place in Ohio on November 17, 2012.

Because cross country is a sport that appears to be simplistic, Austin has a different opinion. "I have been running since I was in sixth grade. Cross country is a great stress reliever. It helps me clear my mind," said Austin. Those who are involved in the sport, such as her coaches and teammates understand the difficulty of the sport. Students who participate in cross country are forced to endure undesirable weather conditions, such as extreme heat, heavy unbearable rain that pelts the skin as one runs, as well as personal injuries from constantly conditioning and trying to stay in shape. Although the sport is intense, brave members such as Austin tough it out in order to become a champion.

Player Profile

How many years have you been on the Cross Country team?

"I've been on the team for two years."

Did you establish any goals for yourself at the start of the season?

"My main goal was to decrease my running time to under 24 minutes."

Have you made any friends while on the team?

"I have made two really great friends: [freshmen] Alejandra Leon and Daniella Ayala."

Did you break any records during the season?

"I achieved my overall best time."

Is there any advice you would give to a new member of the team?

"Make sure you attend summer conditioning and every practice during the year."



Row 1: Jason Howard, Steven Paprocki, Shannon Scheidel, Nathan Coglianese, Taylor Austin
Row 2: Brittany Burbridge, Daniella Ayala, Ashley Barton, Jessica Leslie, Alejandra Leon

➔ Setting up her tee for her chance at victory, junior De'Shawna Walker stretches her legs. "I get really excited and nervous when it's my turn to hit the golf ball. It always gets my adrenaline pumping, and it makes me feel amazing," said Walker.



➔ "Golf is an amazing way for me to stay active and hang out with my friends at the same time," said senior Ann Ficht, while walking to the next hole. "It's really enjoyable for me to get out in the open and to hit the ball," said Ficht.



Row 1: Mike Worosz, Chandler Adkins, Christy Anzur, Paige Obermeyer, Ann Ficht, De'Shawna Walker

Girls Golf

Highland 255-263
Kankakee Valley 198-230
Hobart 217-230
Andrean 226-233
Hanover Central 210-226
North Nealen 222-198
Lowell 203-221
North Calumet 224-228
Merrillville 228-238

Final Record: 0-9



➔ Closely watching the ball, senior Christy Anzur waits impatiently to see where the ball may go. "Sometimes it makes me really nervous to see where the ball is going because it might fall into the dead zone," said Anzur.

Swing for future seasons

Girls golf hopes for a better year

Always striving for the best, the girls golf team stays together after a bad season. "In my opinion it could have been better. But as long as I can spend time with my team, I don't really think it matters. Practice makes perfect, so I know that we'll do better in years to come. It might have been better if the team was bigger. It was really small this year which was surprising to me considering how amazing the sport can be," said junior Chandler Adkins.

The girls golf team saw a much smaller year when it came to members compared to previous seasons. This may have been a factor as to why the season didn't go as well as it was expected to. "I love this sport. I put my heart and soul in hopes of taking home the champion title," said senior Christy Anzur. "I love being on the field. It gives me a boost of adrenaline, and I can't imagine myself being anywhere else. This is where I really belong and nothing could ever stand in the way of that, not even a bad season. This is my family," said Anzur, feeling that if the season was longer they would have done better.

"My key to winning is to imagine myself as the ball. I know it might sound ridiculous, but I think that as long as you have faith in yourself and if you try your best that you'll achieve your goals in whatever it is that you were doing. Whether it's getting a hole-in-one or throwing a football or maybe even hitting a home-run, it's all about your mental attitude and how much you want to win. The better your mood or attitude, the better you'll do. In my opinion, it takes teamwork too. You have to know your teammates and what their strengths and weaknesses are. That way we can help each other while keeping a positive attitude when it comes to the game or activity. It's also really important to know where you're going to be playing and possibly

scope out the competition. Little things like if we've won against that school before, or maybe some of the team members," said junior Paige Obermeyer. "Winning is more than just having the best score. Winning is knowing you did your best, and your happy even if you lost," said Obermeyer.

The girls golf team has been growing closer together since the season started in August which allowed for a connection between the players. "We've known each other for years. I felt that this team has become like family. I really don't think I'll know what to do after high school because I won't be able to see them again. I'll do my best to fit it in my college and work schedule but I'm really kind of scared. I've been through almost everything with these girls. We're more than friends at this point. We're going to leave these halls as sisters instead of acquaintances and friends. This game is amazing, always challenging you, yet somehow it doesn't at the same time. I'm comfortable playing with my team like all the actors and actresses feel when they're on stage. This is my field, and even if we didn't take the title of champions home with us, I still feel like I am coming out a winner. Everyone is a champion as long as they stick together and love what they're doing," said senior Ann Ficht.

The girls golf team plans to stick together even after they part ways at graduation, a total of two seniors leaving the team to find what the future will have in for them. Whether through slumber parties or hanging out at the park. "I plan to carry on this tradition even after the seniors leave, because I don't think I have it in me to leave the team. It means everything to me, even if that means I have to say goodbye to some of my friends," said junior De'Shawna Walker.

How you choose to Play



"At least ninety percent of the sport is the mental challenge. You have to maintain a positive attitude and sometimes it's not the easiest thing to do. It can get really intense when the ball doesn't do what you want or the win depends on you. But I always get through it, telling myself that me and the team are like family and that even if we lose nothing can get in the way of that—even if it means we don't go home as champions, which could be the case sometimes. All and all, it's about your mental attitude towards the game and school," said junior Paige Obermeyer.

→ As junior Chandler Adkins watches her shot roll, she feels that the game is in the bag. "I felt we did really well. This team means a lot to me, so I'm always trying to do my best," said Adkins.

→ "It's all about your mental attitude towards the sport, even when something doesn't go your way," said junior Paige Obermeyer, on the Highland golf course, excited for what looked like a good swing on her part.

"This is the best sport I've had the pleasure of being a part of. The team felt like a family. I like to tell myself that I am the ball and if I miss, then I just need to work on that particular swing or move in the future. That way, I have something to strive for while keeping a positive attitude towards my fellow team members. Practice makes perfect, I always say. Plus it's always exhilarating to come up with new swings; sometimes that swing makes us the winners of that particular game versus that school," said junior De'Shawna Walker



➔ Seniors Ross Myers, J.T. Long, and Matthew Seiluns begin to cut their cake for their Senior Night after their game against River Forest. "The three of us have grown as teammates and friends since I joined my sophomore year," said Seiluns.

➔ Competing at East Chicago Central, junior Jonathan Madrigal shows off his skills in a single match against the Cardinals. "Playing a singles match in really nice weather is the best way to have an exciting and relaxed match," said Madrigal.



Row 1: Jamie Thomas, Josh Zoran, Jonathan Madrigal, Dion Seiluns
Row 2: Aaron Brown, Matthew Seiluns, J.T. Long, Matt Csonka

Boys Tennis

Varsity:

Wheeler	5-0	Hobart	3-2
Portage	5-0	Morton	4-1
Crown Point	5-0	Munster	5-0
S.B. Adams	4-1	Bishop Noll	4-1
East Chicago	3-2	River Forest	4-1
Lake Station	5-0	Gavit	4-1
Highland	5-0	Calumet	3-2
Lowell	3-2	Calumet (Sect.)	4-1
Andean	4-1	Munster (Sect.)	5-0

Final Record: 8-10



➔ Playing a doubles match against the Trojans, senior Ross Myers serves the ball to start a match at Highland High School. "Highland had less seniors during the match, but the Trojans are a very good team and beat us, but it was a good challenge," said Myers.

Tennis team steps up

Panthers end the season right

Beginning the season with a loss against Wheeler High School, the tennis team encountered a rough start. The team lost their first three matches against Wheeler, Portage, and Crown Point High School with the same score of 5-0. After these games, the team put all of their skills together and won their game against S.B. Adams with a score of 4-1. The Panthers won against East Chicago with a score of 3-2 and also beat Lake Station with 5-0 score. After these three games, the Panthers began a losing streak of six games until they beat Bishop Noll later in the season. The game against Highland was a tough loss ending in a score of 5-0. Griffith's next losing game was against Lowell ending in a score of 3-2. "Playing tennis really relaxes me and lets me calm down and distress about school, grades, and anything else after school hours even if we don't win our matches. Every match I played my hardest and took my time during every match," said junior Matt Csonka.

The tennis team continued their losing streak with a loss against Andean. The Andean game ended in a score of 4-1. The team tried their best against Hobart but resulted with a loss of 3-2. The Panthers competed against Morton with an added loss to Griffith's record. "Being my first year playing tennis for the high school, it was hard to take so many losses but it was enjoyable to win matches and to bond with my team" said freshman Jamie Thomas. The ending score of the match against the Morton Governors was 4-1.

Griffith encountered extremely close matches but the outcome of the Munster match ended in a score of Griffith losing 5-0. "The Munster match was a tough match to finish up but my brother and I won a match against Munster during sectionals. The team didn't

even last five minutes in a few matches before we realized we were done with the entire day. Some matches were much shorter than they should have been," said junior Dion Seiluns.

After a rough match against Munster, the boys stepped up their game and beat Bishop Noll 4-1. The team started a winning streak by winning against Gavit with a resulting score of 4-1 taking them to sectionals against Calumet. Panther fans were excited at the home game against River Forest when Griffith won with a score of 4-1. "The match against River Forest was pretty tough but it felt good to win against a decent team after six losses," said sophomore Aaron Brown.

The next team to be beat by Griffith was the Calumet Warriors. The Warriors lost with an ending score of 3-2. This winning match led the Panthers into sectionals against Calumet again. The new score against Calumet was 4-1 moving Griffith up to continue into sectionals. Munster was the final match that ended the season for the Panthers. "Tennis was an amazing sport to be in. Even though it is a bit of a challenge and we had some tough losses, tennis is still enjoyable and I plan on continuing it through my high school career. The only thing more enjoyable than the sport is the team itself," said freshman Josh Zoran.

Although the team suffered from a rough beginning, the season was viewed by its players in a positive light. The team united to form a bond that no rival could compete against during any game brought to them. Seniors on the team will remember their last season while others on the tennis team will attempt to enhance themselves for the upcoming season.

Tennis facts about J.T. Long

I enjoy playing singles more than doubles.

My closest teammate is Aaron Brown and I love playing doubles with him.

I've been on the tennis team since my freshman year but junior year was my favorite year.

I love playing against Munster for the competition. It's always a great game.

Gavit is my least favorite team to compete against.

Josh Zoran is hilarious. He makes being on the team more enjoyable because he break dances all the time.

My knee would pop out if I didn't have my knee brace on during a match.

Jamie Thomas played with his rubix cube everyday and it was entertaining to watch.

➔ Lining up on the singles line, the tennis team waits for their introductions before a match on the home courts. "Playing tennis relaxes my mind and body and leaves me calm after a day of playing or a match," said sophomore Brett Tauber.





Row 1: Kody Hoesse, Josh Terzarial, Rodney Lewis, Lawrence Mosley, Anthony Quintero, Flint Powell
Row 2: Gary Hayes, Anthony Murphy, Chad Noldin, Ben Parish, Tremell Murphy, Austin Brown, Erick Johnson, Grayling Gordon, Coach Watson



Row 1: Tyler Palinca, Brandon Dyer, Lawrence Mosley, Desiree Walker, Robert Hernandez, Frank Azcona, Matt Colomes
Row 2: Cece Keys, Kody Hoesse, Rodolfo Quintanilla, Mike Brown, Josh Terzarial, Anthony Quintero, Amber Murphy



Row 1: Greylon Teamer, Sammy Issa, Jacob Cuevas, Amir Wright, Greg Copp
Row 2: Jordan Galindo, Logan Perry, Ricky Nunez, Greg Teamer
Row 3: Jeremiah Ratliff, Marcus Marsenic, Tom Radtke, Brandon Collett, Michael Torres

Boys Basketball



Varsity:

Whiting	62-33	Lowell	44-42
Clark	66-48	Gavit	63-60
Morton	51-46	Andrean	62-51
Highland	42-39	Munster	54-32
Crown Point	75-44	Hammond High	58-52
Hanover Central	68-60	Calumet	71-35
Hobart Wheeler		Rensselear Cent.	58-32
Tourney	46-30	Bishop Noll	54-41
Clark Wheeler		Kankakee Valley	63-46
Tourney	62-40	Lake Station	79-41
Hobart	56-30	Gary Roosevelt	67-41
EC Central	70-50	Gary Lew Wallace	69-55

Junior Varsity:

Whiting	35-16
Clark	54-31
Morton	45-44
Highland	38-34
Crown Point	53-29
Hanover	54-39
Clark	53-42
Wheeler	41-35
Hobart	47-36
E.C. Central	53-48
Lowell	44-31
Gavit	38-21
Andrean	44-31
Munster	38-21
Hammond High	36-28
Calumet	45-25
Rensselear	43-37 OT
Bishop Noll	24-21
Kankakee	30-21
Lake Station	41-26

Final Record: 11-11

Final Record: 10-10

➔ "We did better this season compared to last. We have a lot of talent coming up and we will win sectionals next year for sure," said freshman Anthony Murphy. Murphy was always a top scorer in every game with a lot of his points in free throws.

➔ Terzarial shows his support for his teammates at their game against Crown Point. "I always cheer for my team and pump them up. I even congratulate them on a good shot and I like to stay focused on the game," said sophomore Josh Terzarial.



➔ As the crowd cheers him on, freshman Tremell Murphy shoots a free throw in hope to tie the game. "The crowd makes me play harder and never give up," said Murphy. The team won the game against Whiting with a score of 62-33.



Change for the better

Boys basketball steps up their game

Griffith boys basketball experienced many beneficial changes in the 2012-2013 season. After only winning three games the past two seasons, many of the basketball players were discouraged about their futures as a team at GHS. Luckily, the boys were given a brand new coaching staff to help them succeed. Coach Gary Hayes and Graylin Gordon were appointed head coaches of varsity with Coach Mike Brown at junior varsity and Tom Radtke as the freshman coach. Coach Hayes and Coach Gordon have been working together for years at various colleges and high schools.

"They really knew what they were talking about. They came in and taught us all of the fundamentals and helped us improve our game as a team," said junior Brandon Dyer.

The boys started off their season on a positive note winning against Whiting and Clark by over 20 points. After two great wins, the players dealt with three major upsets against Morton, Highland and Crown Point losing by less than ten points each game. When winter break started, the team began to prepare for their Hobart Wheeler Tournament. On December 29th, the boys traveled to Wheeler High School in Wheeler, Indiana, to play in their annual tournament. At noon, the boys played Hobart High School. Victorious by eight points, the boys had to face Clark High School later that night at 7:00 p.m. Beating them earlier in the season, the boys played confidently and expected a win. The team focused on their basics and played diligently, winning by 16 points.

"It was a huge accomplishment to win the tournament. All of us played really hard, and we were really proud of ourselves," said freshman Kody Hoese.

The Panthers battled many injuries during the season. Junior Flint Powell could not play the first half of the season due to a broken tibia.

junior Erick Johnson tore his meniscus during the game against Morton High School.

"I was really upset that I couldn't play with my team, but I am hoping to be rested for my senior year. I am really proud of my team, and I wish I could have been a part of the rest of the season," said Johnson.

After the holiday tournament, the team battled many tough losses. At the game versus Lowell High School, the Red Devils only won by two points with a "buzzer-beater" shot. The same situation occurred while playing against Gavit High School, losing by only three points.

"Losing against Lowell was really tough. The team just had an off day and we weren't playing as well as we could have," said junior Chad Noldin.

With sectionals right around the corner, the boys had to work hard at their practices. They began practicing harder than before and working on ways to ensure a Sectional championship. Finally the time came for the first Sectional game against Gary Roosevelt High School. The boys were nervous but kept cool and focused on winning the game. The Panthers prevailed winning 67-41. The following week, the boys played Gary Lew Wallace. With Lew Wallace having a 16-4 record and extremely athletic players, the team became apprehensive about the potential outcome of their game. The Panthers were ready to play and were up by 15 points at the end of the first half. At the start of the second half the Panthers started to lose steam and Lew Wallace began to repeatedly take the ball and score. The quickly fell apart and Lew Wallace won with a score of 69-55.

"This basketball season went extremely well compared to the last few years. I feel that I got a lot more exposure and experience. It felt great to have a winning season," said senior Ben Parish.

Player Profile

How many years have you been on the Basketball team?

"I've been on the team for three years."

Did you establish any goals for yourself at the start of the season?

"Yes, I wanted to be a better passer."

Have you made any friends while on the team?

"I became very close with my fellow player, junior Chad Noldin."

Did you break any records during your career?

"I broke the freshmen scoring record for points in a single game."

Is there any advice you would give to a new member of the team?

"Give it all you got and have fun!"

Rodney Lewis, 11



➔ Getting pumped up for the game, the basketball players listen to sophomore Lawrence Mosely give a funny pep talk and dance in their huddle. Mosley always says, "Aye, listen to me, it's time to turn up man, turn up on me!"

➔ To get ready for their biggest game of the season against Munster, the team does their pre-game warm ups. "When we get ready for a game, I always think to myself, 'Go out, get a sweat and get ready for the game,'" said junior Chad Noldin.

Varsity



Row 1: Courtney Bell, Brianna Carter, Victoria Traicoff, Jasmine Alvarez, Amy Bubala

Row 2: Cindy McInerney, Sammi Adams, Lisette Roldan, Taylor Austin, Emma Blackard

Junior Varsity



Row 1: Jasmine Naper, Alex Colomes, Brianna Carter, Jasmine Alvarez, Deja Eason, Amy Bubala

Row 2: Victoria Traicoff, Gabriella Endres, Taylor Strauch, Damenna Williams, Jessica Leslie

Girls Basketball



Varsity:

Merrillville	3-2	Gavit	2-0
East Chicago	3-0	Hanover Central	2-0
Whiting		Munster	3-0
Hammond High	3-1	Andean	3-0
Munster	3-0	Gavit	3-0
Andean	3-0	Hobart	3-0
Hobart	3-0	Highland	3-1
Winamac	2-0	Kankakee Valley	3-0
Merrillville	2-0	Gary Roosevelt	3-0
Morton	3-2	Lowell	3-2
Highland	3-2	Bishop Noll	3-0
Kankakee Valley	3-0	Gary Wallace	
Lowell	3-0	(sect)	3-21
North		Gavit	
Newton	2-0	(sect)	3-1
Calumet	2-0	Hammond High	
		(sect)	3-0

Final Record: 11-19

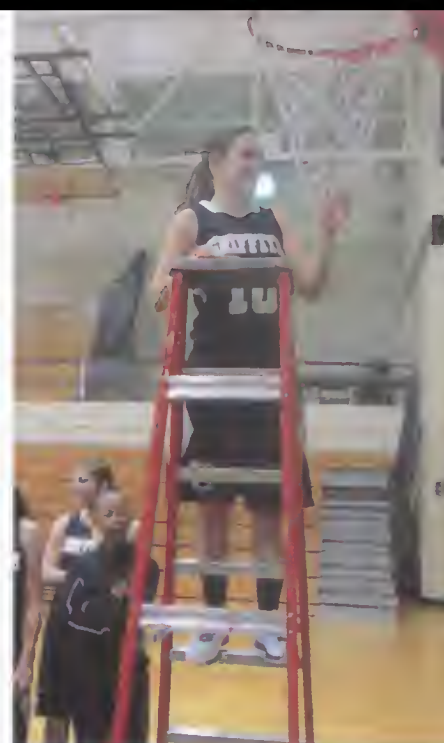
Junior Varsity:

Merrillville	2-1
East Chicago	2-0
Whiting	2-0
Hammond High	2-0
Munster	2-0
Andean	2-0
Hobart	2-0
Morton	2-0
Highland	2-0
Kankakee Valley	2-1
Lowell	2-1
Munster	2-0
Andean	2-0
Gavit	2-0
Hobart	2-0
Highland	2-0
Kankakee Valley	2-0
Gary Roosevelt	2-0
Lowell	2-1
Bishop Noll	2-1

Final Record: 6-14

➔ While cutting the net after the sectionals win at Griffith High School, senior Cindy McInerney, is all smiles. This was the girls basketball team's fifth sectional win. "I'd never won sectionals before, so that was a great accomplishment," said McInerney.

➔ Standing in line for the National Anthem at the Lake Central game, the girls basketball team came together as one as they hold hands to honor the country's flag. "We all got so close, it was like we were a family," said junior Lisette Roldan.



Another Sectional Win: 5-Peat

This year, the girl's basketball team advanced to Sectionals, winning the 5-peat. "It's probably one of the best experiences to be a sophomore in high school and already have won two sectionals," said sophomore Victoria Traicoff.

The girls all agreed that this year a lot of hard work would have to go into winning sectionals. "We had to work really hard to win this year, but it all paid off," said senior Taylor Austin.

During the season, some girls were unable to play because of injuries. "We had to fight through many injuries but the team stuck together well," said coach Tom Golumbeck.

Even with the injuries, the girls pulled through and remained a strong team. "Some days at practice would be hectic because we would all be really stressed but we never took anything to heart," said junior Jasmine Alvarez. With all bad practices, drama, and weak games aside, the girls pulled together and won sectionals for the fifth year in a row.



They shoot, they score

Girl's basketball team achieves their goal

The first few months of the girl's basketball season are filled with conditioning and drills to get the girls in shape for the upcoming season. Everyone's mind tends to focus on winning this season's sectionals games during this time.

This year, the girls were coached by Tom Golumbeck, guidance counselor. "I feel like the season went very well and we won our fifth consecutive sectionals championship," said Golumbeck.

This year, the captains were seniors Sammi Adams, Emma Blackard, and Taylor Austin. "It was really cool to be a captain because I felt like the girls looked up to me," said Blackard.

As the year progressed, the girls became very close. "We all got along really well and we had a lot of team bondings," said sophomore Courtney Bell.

Before every game, the girls go on the floor and warm-up. During warm-ups, the girls have the opportunity to get pumped up and stretch in order to prepare for the game. "We always made sure that we took the opportunity to warm-up and maintain focused on the upcoming game," said junior Amy Bubala.

It took a lot of practice and hard work from the girls to accomplish their goals and win all the games they did. "One time, we had a practice before school at five thirty in the morning and everyone was really out of it, but they worked very hard," said Kristen Drozd, the girls' basketball team manager.

The team really pushed through all the challenges they faced this season. There were injuries and disagreements on and off the court, but the girls did their best to make things work. The bond all the girls shared, not only as teammates, but also as

friends, made their communication on the court very strong and helped the game flow because everyone knew who was open and what was going on. Throughout the year, all the players had great attitudes all season. They got along and were very supportive to each other, the seniors especially. They pushed and gave advice to the younger players and it improved every one's skills and fixed the small errors in the games. At the practices and on the sidelines, the girls cheered and encouraged each other. This built the teams overall confidence. "It always felt great to hear your name being shouted from your teammates," said Austin.

Even with the odds against them, the girls pulled through and had an exceptional season. "It was a really good season and I feel like no matter what we did the best that we could," said sophomore Victoria Traicoff. The overall season ended with a final record of 11-19 and their fifth consecutive sectional win for varsity.

"Being a freshman on JV was an awesome experience," said freshman Alex Colomes. The junior varsity team consisted of twelve girls that were freshmen and sophomores. They finished with a season record of 6-14.

The two basketball teams both did their best to make sure they left everything on the court. "The overall season ended really well and we definitely did the best we possibly could," said junior Jasmine Alvarez. "Even when we had a bad day or had a lot of drama in our lives, we pulled through, winning sectionals and making sure to never give up," said Alvarez. The basketball season quickly came to an end and had an overall successful season.



➔ Following a tradition, the girls form a huddle by the bleachers to get each other pumped. "We were all really close this year, so even if we weren't in the starting line-up, we still showed our support for the rest of the team," said sophomore Brianna Carter.

➔ Going one-on-one with the ball in hand, senior Sammi Adams focuses on winning. "Whenever it's one-on-one, I feel like all the pressure is on me and sometimes it makes the situation worse than it really is," said Adams.



Varsity

Row 1: Sara Fisch, Sarah Vrabely, Tessa Trueblood, Katie Bridges, Sara Joyce, Marisa Rios, Rebecca Perez
 Row 2: Leandra Wimmer, Brianne Robertson, Destiny Moore, Brooke Maglish, Sydney Hilbrich
 Row 3: Camryn Linders, Kaitlynn Mang, Taylor Dunagan, Rachel Adams, Victoria Holtzer

Pantherettes

Competition:

	Pom	Hip Hop	Duet	Solo
Clark	2nd	2nd	1st	2nd
Munster	2nd	2nd	1st	2nd
Kahler	1st	1st	1st	2nd
Crawfordsville	-	-	1st	2nd
Lake Central	1st	1st	2nd	3rd
Regionals	2nd	2nd	2nd	4th
State	2nd	3rd	6th	4th

➔ Performing at the first home football game against New Prairie High School, the Pantherettes get ready to do their infamous letter block. "At our first game, we spelled out the letters G-H-S. It takes a lot of time to make sure the letters look perfect," said junior Sara Fisch.



The road to state

After eleven months of hard work and dedication, the Pantherettes were given the chance to travel to New Castle, Indiana on March 15th and 16th, 2013, to perform for a State title in the Advanced division. The Pantherettes travelled to New Castle High School to watch junior Brooke Maglish perform her solo and Maglish and sophomore Brianne Robertson perform their duet on Friday night. Brooke's solo scored 4th, and the duet scored 6th. The Pantherettes did not return to their hotel until 12:30 a.m. and were forced to wake up at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Tired but ready to perform, the Pantherettes boarded the bus and began to get focused. When they arrived at the school, the Pantherettes practiced all of their skills in their Pom dance and fixed last minute issues. After completing Pom, everyone quickly changed for Hip Hop. Being the last dance of the day, the Pantherettes put all of their effort into Hip Hop. The awards ceremony began at 8:00 p.m. The Pantherettes held each other's hands tightly as their division was called out. Each dancer screamed out in joy as the announcer awarded them with 2nd place in Pom and 3rd place in Hip Hop. "We were so relieved when we placed so high. The year was pretty rough so finishing so close to the top made everyone so happy. In the end, we did not really care where we placed. What matters is that we improved so much and stuck together like a family," said junior Rebecca Perez.



➔ Huddled up at the cold Homecoming game, junior Brooke Maglish gives a pep-talk before performing at the biggest game of the year. "Sara and I made up the dance for the Homecoming game so we were really excited to see how the fans would react to it," said Maglish.

➔ Along side with one of her preschoolers at the Holiday Showcase, senior Katie Bridges helps her remember their Christmas dance. "Having preschoolers as my group was a challenge since their attention spans are very short, but overall they were a good group to have since they are cute and easy to teach," said Bridges.



Dancing as one

Pantherettes become a sisterhood

The Griffith Pantherettes overcame many fears and changes during the 2012-2013 season. Middle school English teacher Janette Vehrs became the new coach of the Pantherettes along with previous coach, Joanne Joyce. With a minor degree in Dance, Vehrs became an essential part to the Pantherettes' success.

The Pantherettes had tryouts in late April and started practicing in late May. They started off their summer by having their annual 'Fourth of July Lil Girls' Camp' where students first through sixth grade attend a three day camp in the main gym and were taught dances by the Pantherettes. They are also given the opportunity to walk in the Fourth of July parade in downtown Griffith.

"Lil Girls' Camp is a great fundraiser for the Pantherettes. The little girls are always excited to learn the dances and walk in the parade. It is really rewarding to hear them talk about how much they look up to us and want to be Pantherettes when they are in high school," said junior Sydney Hilbrich.

When the school year started, the Pantherettes practiced two to three times a week to prepare their dances for halftime during football games. In the midst of football season, the Pantherettes learned both their pom and hip hop routines for competition.

"By learning our competition routines so early, we can start perfecting them for competition. The process of making sure the routines look good by competition season takes a really long time," said freshman Jillian Beaupain.

When football season ended, the Pantherettes went into "competition mode". They spent countless hours at practice perfecting their competition routines for their Holiday Showcase and upcoming com-

petitions. The first week of December, the Pantherettes held their annual Winter Lil Girls' Camp. Each little girl learned a holiday routine from their Pantherette leaders. The following Sunday, the little girls performed their holiday routines along with the Pantherettes showing their competition routines for the first time at the Second Annual Teri Calhoun Showcase in honor of their previous coach that passed away from esophageal cancer.

As competition season started, the Pantherettes lost two of their dancers due to injuries. Junior Sarah Vrabely was forced to stop dancing because of a fainting condition, and junior Marisa Rios chose to stop because of an injured knee. Junior Destiny Moore could not perform in two competitions because of a concussion along with sophomore Kaitlynn Mang after getting her tonsils removed. The Pantherettes were forced to switch both of their routines numerous times last minute but handled it calmly and wished the best for their injured teammates.

With Regionals approaching, the Pantherettes started having more practices a week. They focused on perfecting their routines as best as they could to impress the judges and qualify for state. Luckily, the Pantherettes placed second in both their hip hop and pom routines and qualified for State. The Pantherettes had three weeks after Regionals to prepare for State. They left school early and boarded the bus at noon. After a long three hour drive to New Castle, Indiana, the team finally arrived at the hotel. The Pantherettes left everything on the floor and placed second in pom and third in hip hop.

"We performed for Ms. Calhoun that day. She was watching over us and we wanted to make her proud," said Tessa Trueblood, 11.

Varsity



Row 1: Sarah Dodson, Christy Slagle, Dana Lesinewski, Alexis Singer, Rebecca Carpenter
Row 2: Elizabeth Morikis, Kourtney Washick, Emily Ethridge, Emilie Martocchio, Kailey Shepard

Junior Varsity



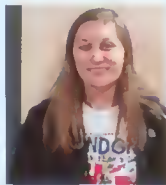
Row 1: Sabrina Garcia, Teliya Loudenburg, Arlynn Corona
Row 2: Lily Maravilla, Emily Etheridge, Lauren Vieyra

Thoughts on the Season



"It was a rough season, but we pulled together as a team."
-Alexis Singer, 11

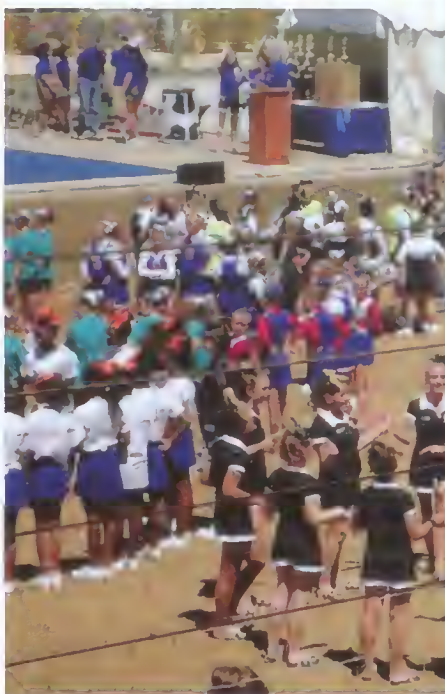
"Since last year, we have greatly improved on everything."
-Dana Lesinewski, 11



"I love being with my team and being able to bond with them."
-Lily Maravilla, 9

➔ During the National Anthem, sophomore Rebecca Carpenter stands and shows respect towards the flag at the beginning of a girl's basketball game. "Before every game starts, we stand as a team in a choreographed stance," said Carpenter.

➔ In the beginning of August, the GHS cheerleaders went to Indianapolis for a cheer competition. With only a week to practice, the girls were worried they wouldn't have enough time. "We had a lot of good stunts, but I felt like we could have done better," said sophomore Christy Slagle.



➔ Cheering on the Rollin' Hoosiers wheelchair basketball team, the cheer squad fires up the crowd while performing the school song. "The school song is the routine that we do before we perform our cheers and stunts," said freshman Kailey Shepard.

We got that panther beat

Cheerleaders bring the pep to GHS

The Griffith Panther cheerleaders started their season in the spring of April 2012. With a new coach and high expectations, the girls were ready to have a good year. The varsity coach was Emily Etheridge with assistant Kelly Blackard. With fourteen girls all together, coach Etheridge had her work cut out for her. The girls went to one competition before school started in August. As things started to get hectic, the girls still worked hard to improve their stunts in order to be ready for the upcoming football season.

Throughout the season, both teams got along well and put forth a great deal of effort. Once football ended, basketball started and the team began to suffer from some difficulties. During the first few weeks of the basketball season, Coach Etheridge resigned and left both teams without a head coach. That's when assistant coach Blackard stepped up and became the coach for both the junior varsity and varsity teams. Even though it was a big commitment, she knew it was the only way to keep both cheerleading teams together. While she was busy with schedules, the varsity team got a new coach. Former math teacher Lauren Culp took the position as coach.

This year is Culp's first time coaching a cheerleading team. She was very eager to get with the girls and start practicing with a complete team. Everything was new to her but she kept a positive attitude and did her best to get the team back where it needed to be. "I enjoy being with the girls and learning new things about them," said Culp.

Culp showed the girls a lot of support and is considering the position as coach for next year. The girls practiced four times a week, so they all had a great deal of bonding. With the new coach

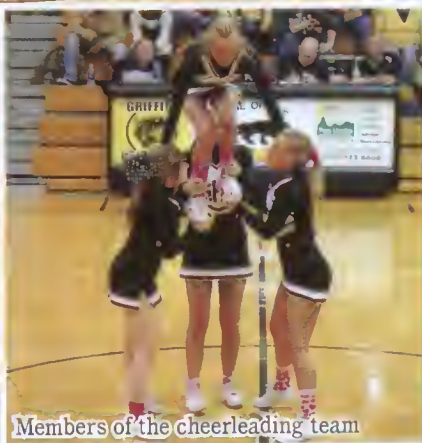
for the rest of the season, both teams still had high expectations to finish the season strong. Every girl on the junior varsity team had an opportunity to be on varsity. Freshman Lauren Vieyra was one of the girls who got plenty of time on varsity. "I'm good friends with most of the girls on varsity, so I liked stunting and practicing with them," said Vieyra.

The girls still had separate teams, but there were times that the teams gathered together to perform stunts at half time or during time-outs.

As a whole, both teams got along decently, but with every team, there is always room for improvements. The captains on varsity were the oldest girls on the team. Two juniors, Alexis Singer and Dana Lesinewski got the spots. "I liked the team this year, but I hope next year is different and more girls tryout," said Lesinewski. This is her third year on the team and plans on finishing up her last year on the team. Many of the girls didn't like the fact that they didn't get to vote captains. They wanted the chance to make their opinions heard. "I think it would have worked out better if we got to vote instead of sticking with what the coach wanted," said freshman Sabrina Garcia.

As the season ended, the girls felt that they succeeded at ending on a strong note. Both teams were sad to end the season, but they're all looking forward to next year. "I'm eager to try out again and hopefully be placed on varsity," said freshman Teliya Loudenburg. With two seniors on the team next year, the girls' expectations are higher but each member feels that next year will be better and they hope not to face as many obstacles throughout the season.

➔ While performing a cheer at half time, the cheerleaders get in position for stunting. "I love stunting, I'm usually a base, but when I get the chance I like to fly," said sophomore Emilie Martocchio. This is her second year on varsity.

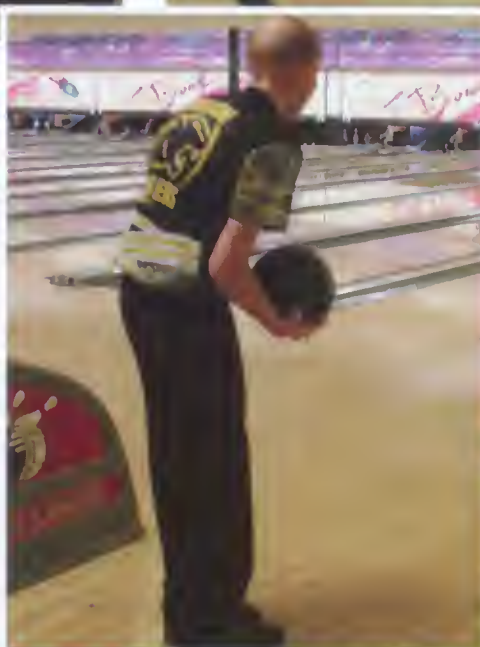


➔ Standing at the foul line hoping for a strike, junior Sam Monko bowls through her second season at GHS. "Bowling is a great way to have a competition within yourself. You have an awesome time with friends while doing something you all love," said Monko.

➔ To make the most out of his last year of bowling for Griffith High School, senior Brian Scheeringa focuses on his shot and strives to increase his scores. "Out of the three years I've been on the team, this year was by far the best," said Scheeringa.



Row 1: Melissa Vieyra, Sam Monko, Kersten Collins
Row 2: Ethan Mitchell, Samie Johnson, Sarah Koliboski
Row 3: Michael Koliboski, Derrick Peatry, Alec Moseley
Row 4: Mitch Burk, Giovanni Posley, Kyle Cartwright, Brian Scheeringa, Gage Corona



Bowling

Boys

Hobart	L
Edison	L
Calumet	L
Morton	L
Hobart	L
Wheeler	L
Highland	L
Calumet	L
Calumet	W
River Forest	W
Highland	W

Final Record: 3-8

Girls

Hobart	W
Edison	L
Calumet	W
Morton	W
Hobart	L
Wheeler	W
Highland	L
Morton	W
Calumet	W
River Forest	W
Highland	L

Final Record: 7-4



➔ While bowling at Plaza Lanes for a match, freshman Mike Koliboski experiences what high school bowling truly is. "I have to say, it was tough bowling against some people as a freshman, but the guys and I all got along very well," said Koliboski.

➔ Crowded together by the lanes during a match, the girls watch as their teammates get advice from the coach. "Being under the pressure of a match was definitely new to me, but I'm glad that I had my coach to help me out," said freshman Kersten Collins.

In it to win it

The Panther bowlers tear up the lanes

The ball rolls along the wood lane and demolishes the oil pattern, leaving a bowler anxious at the foul line to see the outcome of the shot they just threw. This was something all of the bowlers from GHS experienced throughout the 2012-2013 season. The journey began at try-outs on September 26th, where girls and boys came out to prove themselves worthy of being a Panther bowler. After coaches carefully evaluated each bowler, they selected new students to join the team and meet the returning players.

The girls team consisted of five players; three juniors, one sophomore and a freshman. This was the minimum requirement of players needed to compete in a match. The Lady Panthers maintained a steady season with a record of seven wins and four losses in the regular season and a fourth place team finish in sectionals.

When sectionals came around, these determined girls stepped up to the approaches and the results of the competition were in their favor. Although junior Melissa Vieyra was absent from this event, the four girls who participated all advanced to the regional tournament, which took place in February. After qualifying games were bowled, junior Sam Monko had the leading, first place score. Along with her, junior Sarah Koliboski tied for eighth, which was also the final spot to move on. Sophomore Samie Johnson came in fourth place and freshman Kersten Collins finished in sixth place. The only Panther bowler that made it through regionals and bowled in semi-state was Koliboski.

On the other hand, the boys team had more than enough players to compete in weekly matches, which served as a big advantage. Instead of going to a competition with the same Griffith boys every week, the team was able to show different styles of bowlers to the other schools. The two seniors, one junior and seven freshmen that made up their

team faced a lot of tough teams in their group. Their finishing record was three wins and eight losses. Although the season finish was not outstanding, there will be a large number of returning bowlers for next season's team. "At the beginning of the season, the experience was rough, but as everyone kept practicing, we definitely got better," said freshman Mitch Burk, "I think the team will be pretty good next year."

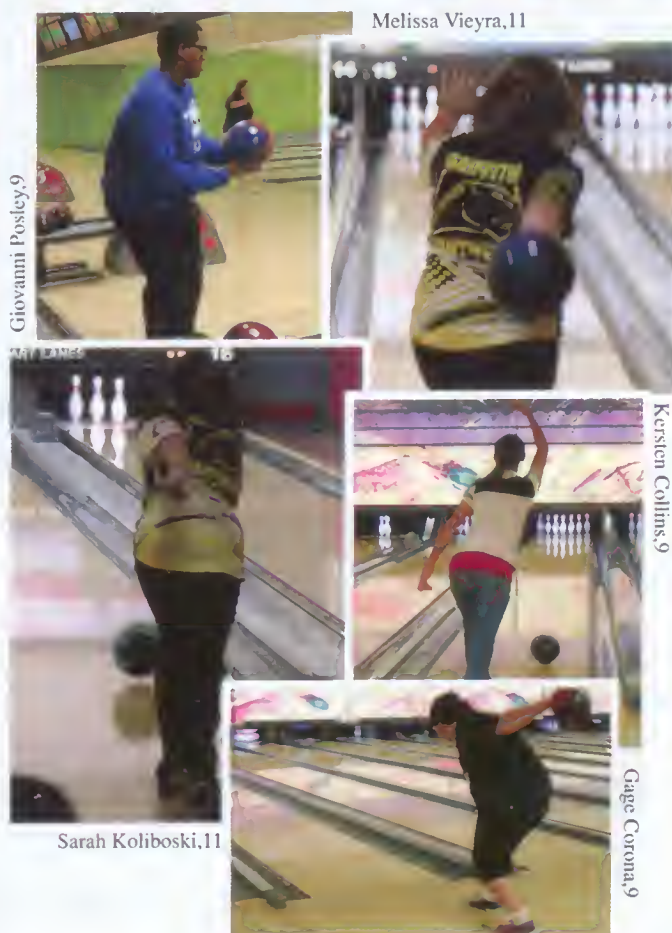
Practices were a way for the team to not only improve their technique, but to also build a stronger connection with the other members. Monday after school was the set practice day and time every week until the end of the season. Along with having practice on Monday, there were varsity matches on Wednesdays and junior varsity matches took place on Thursdays. Each practice and match held new experiences for the team that helped them become better bowlers. One week, spares could have been the name of the game, the next week, it was all about perfect form at the foul line. No matter what the weekly objective was, the coaches kept their players busy.

This year, GHS is saying goodbye to two seniors on the team, Brian Scheeringa and Will Bogan. After the winter sports award ceremony, the team met up at Bridges' Scoreboard to give out other awards, recognize the seniors, and enjoy each other's company while eating pizza. Freshmen on the varsity team got their letters and the seniors received a bowling pin and framed picture signed by their teammates. "It was a great experience bowling these last two years. I wish I joined the team my freshman year. Being on the team taught me a lot of important things such as teamwork, commitment, and how to overcome obstacles," said Bogan, "I'm glad I was part of this group, and I feel Griffith's team will be something to watch in the upcoming years."



➔ During a match at Hobart Lanes, sophomore Samie Johnson watches as her ball rolls down the lane. "This season was truly memorable, I cannot wait for my junior year," said Johnson. She has been bowling since age seven and does not plan on quitting the sport.

Practice makes perfect



Melissa Vieyra, 11

Giovanni Posley, 9

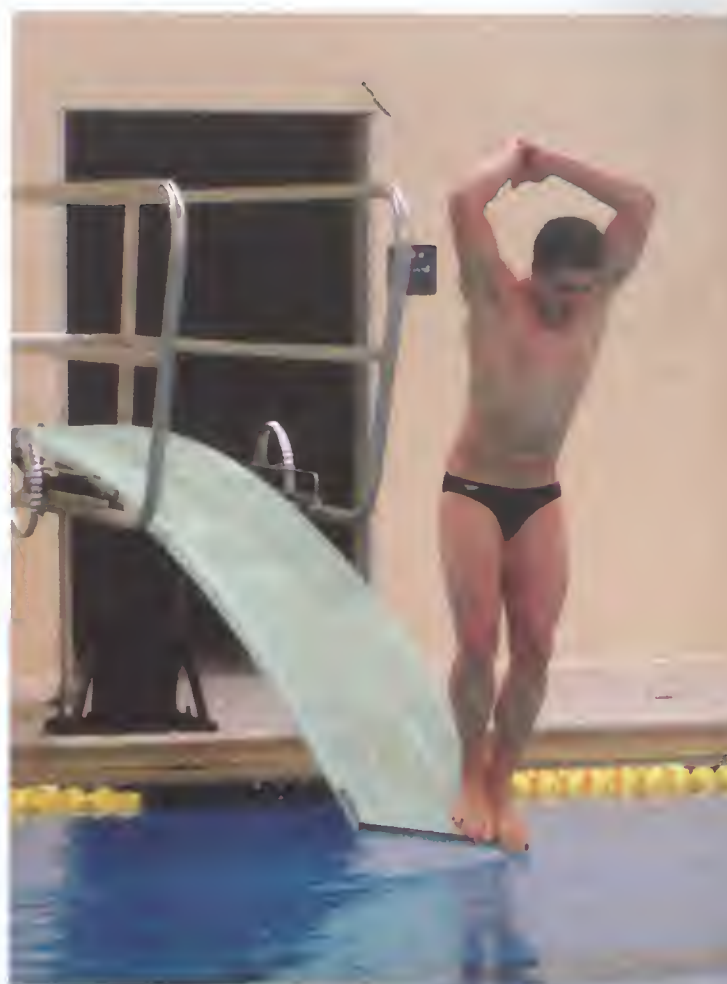
Kersten Collins, 9

Sarah Koliboski, 11

Gage Corona, 9

➔ Going in head first, senior JT Long dives into the pool at Munster High School during the boy's swim meet. "A good start means a lot to your entire swim. I try to have a great start to help me have an even better finish," said Long.

➔ Diving for the win, senior Alex Rosales jumps with all of his might to make sure his dive is perfect enough to take first place. "I was really proud of all I accomplished this year. It made me feel like I was part of the school," said Rosales.



Row 1: Alex Rosales, Logan Denny
Row 2: Danny Bolda, Josh Zoran, Thomas Kudyba, Andrew Pelot
Row 3: Shannon Shiedel, JT Long, Danelle Bolatovic, Vid Dragutinovic, Stephanie Villarreal

Boys Swimming



Munster	145-29	East Chicago	106-85
Gavit	82-52	Hammond High	106-56
Hobart	83-71	Bishop Noll	132-92
Kankakee Valley	110-69	Clark	92-74
Merrillville	133-49		
Wheeler	127-52		
Highland	112-59		
Morton	90-41		
Lowell	93-73		
Hammond High	79-41		
Calumet	79-69		

Final Record: 7-8



➔ Freshman Josh Zoran stands with his teammates and discuss how they felt about the home meet against Merrillville. "We usually congratulate each others' wins and give advice if someone doesn't do well," said Zoran.

Just keep swimming

Swimming team adapts to new changes

It was a difficult season for Griffith High School's boys varsity swim team. "There was a lot of struggles this year," said Shannon Scheidel, one of the swimming and diving coaches. They kicked off the season with a decent number of eight boys on the team, but by the end the number was down to six. Even though the number was small, they worked hard and placed third in conference.

This year was unlike any other for the boys swim team. The number was smaller than ever and the team had a new coach, Stephanie Villarreal, helping out. It was her first year of coaching, not just a swim team, but any team at all. She plans to continue assisting and putting in her time to improve the swimmers. Villarreal noticed that the numbers were small, but she wasn't discouraged because she believes that good teams are about dedication and hard work.

The low amount of members didn't slow down any of the swimmers. It gave them more practice time and it was easier for the coaches to help everyone correct their major and minor flaws in their techniques. A lot of attention to the small details at practice made a big difference at the meets. It really improved the boys' skills and made their strokes stronger. Teammates also helped out by watching and correcting other swimmers. "We helped each other out a lot in order to make the team better," said senior Danny Bolda.

Although the boys worked well with a small team it sometimes had its disadvantages. When they were against schools with bigger numbers, it made it harder to compete. "Sometimes we got

frustrated with the small team we had. We wanted a bigger team, but even with all odds against us, we pulled through and did pretty well this season," said junior Logan Denny.

While at meets, the boys supported each other and put forth their best effort when it was time to compete. "We always supported each other, even if it was an off day for them and they didn't do as well as normal," said junior Vid Dragutinovic.

"It was great being apart of such a supportive team. The guys on my team made me feel a lot better about myself when I felt I didn't do as well as I could've," said senior Alex Rosales. A bond between the boys in and out of the water made an impact during the 2102-2103 season.

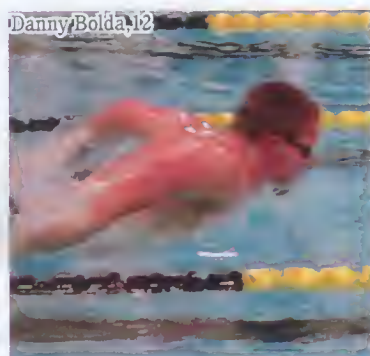
Compliments and constructive criticism from teammate to teammate gave the swimmers different outlooks at every meet and opened their eyes to new ways to become better swimmers and divers. "The fact that we are so open with each other about what we need to work on only makes us a stronger team," said junior Andrew Pelot.

"Next season, we hope to have a bigger team and get the word out for the call-out meeting and conditioning," said coach Stephanie Villarreal. Conditioning for swimming starts in October and is done in hopes that everyone will be in better shape for the upcoming year. Conditioning isn't just in the pool but it also happens outdoors. The training swimmers run the track and also the bleachers of the football field. Some of the trainees break under the physical hardships and quit immediately. "Even though it's hard, it feels good to be in shape," said senior Thomas Kudaba.



➔ Junior Andrew Pelot walks down the line with his team to tell the Hobart High School swimmers 'good game' as they conclude the swim meet. "We do it to show good sportsmanship. We don't want to seem like sore winners or losers," said Pelot.

Practice makes perfect



Danny Bolda, 12



Andrew Pelot, 11



JT Long, 12



Logan Denny, 11

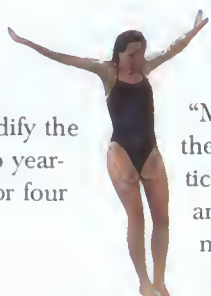
Facts about a Diver

"My favorite dive is the forward double tuck."

"If I could, I would modify the length of the season to year-round instead of just for four months."

"The hardest dive I've tried to do was a back and half tuck. So I did a back double tuck instead."

"I joined the team because I couldn't tumble, but I wanted to stay athletic."



Shannon Kunka, 12

"I've been on the team for four years."

"My favorite time with the team is during practices because we dance and sing when we are not doing anything."

"The easiest thing I can do is a forward twist because I learned this when I was involved in tumbling."

"The thing I'm going to miss the most is competitions because of the adrenaline rush."



➔ At the home meet verses Hobart, sophomore Courtney Valentas swims to win. "I've been swimming since my freshman year. I plan to stay on the team through my senior year because it's exhilarating to be able to compete with other swimmers," said Valentas.

Varsity



Row 1: Maegan Glass, Bri-anne Andriessen
Row 2: Shannon Scheidel, Courtney Valentas, Jeanne Scheffel, Shannon Kunka, Megan Garcia, Stephanie Villarreal
Row 3: Sarah Kuna, Jesse Yarnelle, Danelle Bolatovic, Allie Meece, Melissa Chiaro

Girls Swimming



Highland	138-32	Hammond High	119-22
Lowell	103-71	Bishop Noll	125-106
Munster	148-32	Clark	125-36
Gavit	90-58		
Hobart	113-57		
Kankakee Valley	127-51		
Merrillville	133-49		
Wheeler	127-52		
Morton	89-66		
Hammond High	111-49		
Calumet	111-74		
East Chicago	119-22		

Final Record: 7-8



➔ Speaking with seniors Allie Meece and Maegan Glass, sophomore Melissa Chiaro talks about what she could improve on during the swimming season. "I've been on the team since my freshman year, and in all that time, they've become like family," said Chiaro.

Diving for success

Girls swimming dives into new changes

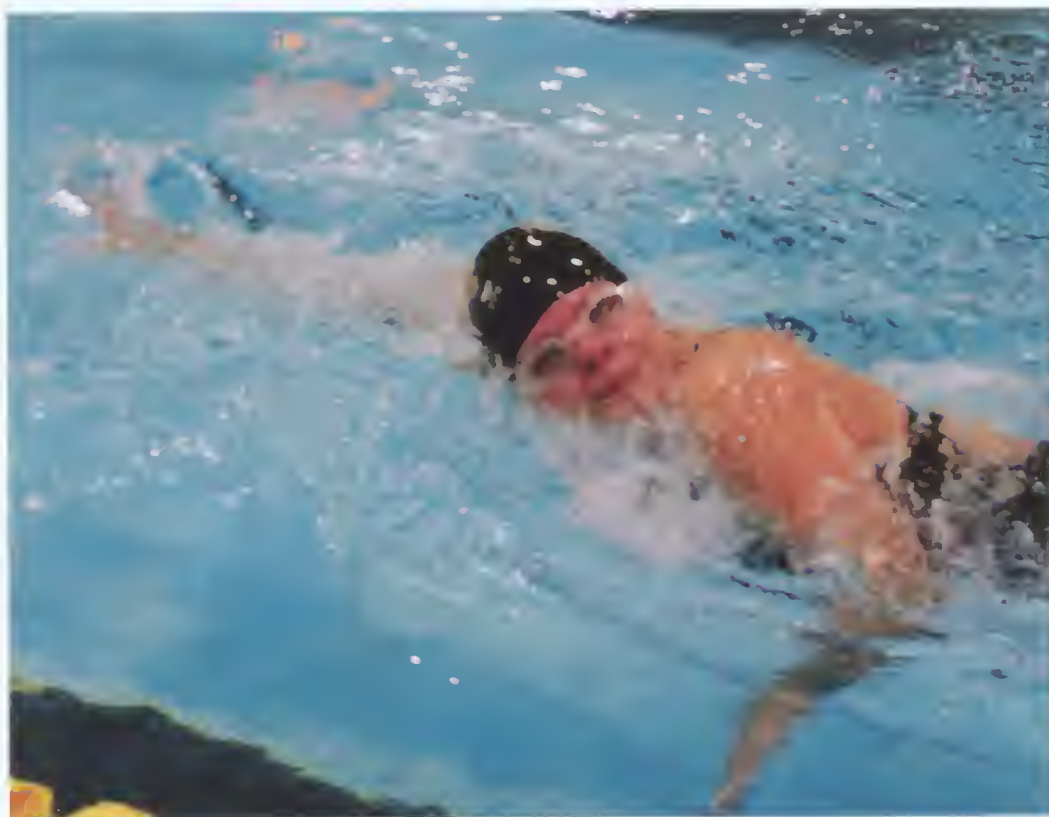
Dedication and teamwork go a long way on any kind of team. Chances are, when part of a closely tied group, victory is more likely to come to them. "We all have to work together to be able to reach the common goal. Sometimes it can be hard though, because we can't always agree. In the long run, it brings us even closer together. I realize now that that's all you really need in a team; hard work and an undiminished amount of spirit," said senior Maegan Glass.

This year was different for the girls swimming team in many ways. One of those ways was a new coach, Stephanie Villarreal, who is a teacher in the English department. This was her first year coaching on any kind of team with plans to continue in the future due to the rewarding feeling she gets for both her and the swim team. She was given a good start however, seeing as how the amount of overall swimmers was smaller compared to previous years. "I think the making of a good team starts with being dedicated. You have to work diligently to fulfill your goals. You also support your fellow team mates. The only other thing a good team needs is a decent amount of bonding activities. My reason for this being that a closer team, is an athletic squad more likely to advance to state or nationals. The benefits of having a smaller team is that it's easier for the team to be more involved together and I feel that because of this, we'll succeed in doing well in years to come," said Villarreal.

The only striking change between the season this year compared to previous years was the amount of team members. The reason for this being that the members, both swimmers and divers alike, got to

grow closer together without as much in their way. Bonding activities also help with this, even if they're few in number. "Practicing together as a team made all the difference in the meets. Not only did it boost our confidence as a team, but it was a bonding exercise within the practice. That may seem strange, but in all honesty, it's one of the best reasons to be on a team like this one. It's really helped me to branch out and meet new people. I never even realized it until I noticed that I was always spending time with my fellow swimmers, whether it was at lunch or after school. They've become my family in a way and that makes me feel like I can accomplish anything with them, no matter how hard or impossible it is," said senior Bri-anne Andriessen.

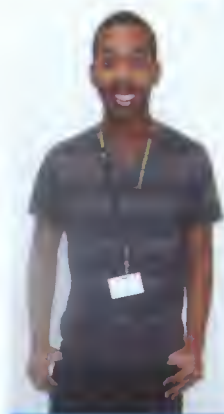
Feeling as if they came out of the season with a bang, the girls swim team plans to continue to see one another with sleepovers, luncheons, and hanging out. "I was thinking that maybe we could all meet at a local swimming pool and just hang out there like we used to do at the meets after we practiced. I feel like it'd help out on my strokes during the off season as well. So basically, it'd be a win-win kind of thing for everyone, especially the people who get rusty after the season ends. I figure it this way, I'll have at least one new skill mastered for when I return to the team next year that I didn't have this year. Plus I'll be having an amazing time with my fellow swimmers or divers who won't be on the team next year. All I hope is that in following years, the team members will be as close as we were," said sophomore Courtney Valentas.



➔ As senior Jesse Yarnelle fixes her goggles, she thinks about victory for her team. "It's an amazing feeling to know that my fellow teammates have my back, and are always supporting me. We're always helping each other and improving our skills," said Yarnelle.

➔ Swimming at a home meet verses Hobart on Senior Night, senior Maegan Glass does the breast stroke. "My best stroke is breast stroke because it's what I've been doing the longest. I've been apart of the team since sophomore year," said Glass.

How to *prep* for your meet



"A couple hours before a meet, I usually run while wearing sweat-shirts and sweatpants to drop weight. I also like listening to rap music. My favorite rapper is Chief Keef; his music gets me into my zone. After I get motivated by the music, I practice with sophomore Connor Guzior to get a sweat going. A few days before the meet, I will also eat less than normal to maintain my weight."

Jayson Howard, 12

"Although it may seem easy, meets take a lot of preparation. Two days prior to the meet, I eat three healthy meals. After that, I only eat snacks, such as apples or bananas and drink liquids. Right before the meet I pace back and forth while listening to my favorite artist, Big Sean. This helps me get my mind set focused. Of course, I also make sure I stretch and get warmed up like most sports."

Nathyn Sierra, 10



➔ "Wrestling has always been my passion. This is my third season competing and my best season yet," said sophomore Evan Masters. Competing in the 138 pound weight class, Masters' season record was nine wins and two losses.



Row 1: Victoria Mares, Adrian Williams, Evan Masters, Alexander Kepchar, Xavier Rosales, Christy Slagle
Row 2: Daniel Walker, Preston Nelson, William Jarrels, Daniel Perez, Cedric Fassoth, Nathan Szabo, Matthew Miller, Nathan Reitz
Row 3: Aaron Metz, Anwar Issa, Connor Guzior, Ryan Dunlap, Logan Ulrich, Thomas Plesek, Connor McCabe, Jayson Howard
Row 4: Anthony Zardnt, Benjamin Stassin, Nathyn Sierra, Javone Bell, Brandon White, Justin Harris, Jivree Rivers, Ryan Camp, Travis Walls

Wrestling



Lowell	60-06	Morton	42-27
Munster	58-18	Wheeler	65-12
New Prairie	38-30	Kankakee Valley	54-15
S.B. Clay	42-32	Hobart	61-12
Chesterton	69-9	Calumet	48-30
Michigan City	81-0	Lake Station	37-33
Andean	68-12		
Highland	48-32	Final Record	7-7



➔ With laughter and excitement, sophomore Jivree Rivers accepts his acknowledgment from assistant coach Doug Robinson during recognition night. Each individual wrestler was called down by grade. "I felt pleased to be to be a part of the team," said Rivers.

➔ Sophomore Daniel Perez strives to defeat his opponent from Calumet. "Since this was my second year wrestling, I focused on improving my techniques," said Perez. Even though the season is over, he intends to train during the off-season.



New leader, new success

Wrestling team welcomes a new coach

Although it may seem like a simple sport, wrestling requires intense effort and dedication. This season's wrestling team made sure they maintained their abilities in hopes of exceeding last year's success in placing third in sectionals. Most wrestlers trained in similar ways. They worked out with layers of shirts and hoodies in order to cut weight for matches. Some abstained from eating a day before competing while everyone listened to their favorite music to get motivated before a match.

Not only did the wrestlers encourage each other, but coaches as well. Towards the end of the season, long time assistant coach, Christopher Mares, replaced head coach Travis Walls shortly before the Super Dual Meet held at Griffith High School. The meet included wrestling teams from Andean, Clark, Hebron, Highland, Kankakee Valley, Morton, Wheeler and Whiting. "I was anxious to step up in the team's time of need," said Mares. Mares is also the father of wrestling manager Victoria Mares. With the coaching switch, wrestlers had to adapt to a new coaching style while preparing for sectionals. "Both were remarkable coaches and I feel lucky to have experienced each coaching technique," said junior Xavier Rosales.

Along with coaches, the team had four managers: sophomore Christy Slagle and juniors Mares, Alexis Singer, and Courtney Muller. The four girls were in charge of keeping score, providing water to the boys, and encouragement when it was needed. Slagle has helped out with the team in middle school and decided to assist again this season. "Ever since my brother was in wrestling, I've enjoyed watching matches. This year I decided to

support the team by being a manager. It's so nerve wrecking to watch the matches. It keeps you on the edge of your seat," said Slagle.

In order to succeed to semi-state, wrestlers must climb a series of steps. First, you must place in the top four of sectionals to proceed to regionals and the same to continue on to Semi-State. Although there was excitement over a new coach, there was also enthusiasm because senior Ryan Camp was the only wrestler able to qualify for Semi-State. This was a major improvement compared to last year's attributes. Unfortunately, Camp lost the first round to a skillful opponent, Connor Armuth from Harrison and was unable to advance to State. "I definitely went beyond my expectations. Making it that far is one of my greatest accomplishments and a memorable way to finish off my senior year. I wish the best of luck to my teammates next season," said Camp.

Competing in less matches than last year, the Panthers had an average season with a final record of 7-7. Overall, the team managed to create a bond through all the stress and events that occurred throughout the season. "We did a lot of team bonding on the weekends and worked out together before meets to maintain our weight and improve our skills," said junior Nathan Reitz.

Losing four seniors, the team hopes to sharpen their abilities in order to further advance next season. With much talent and dedication, the Panthers finished off the 2012-2013 season with anticipation for an exceptional season next school year. Regardless of the difficult task, the Griffith Panther wrestling team is motivated to do whatever it takes to thrive.



➔ In support of their teammates, the varsity line-up encourages the seniors during senior night. "Ryan Camp has been such an inspiration for me throughout the entire season. I'll miss how he inspired me to do my best," said sophomore Anwar Issa.

➔ Vigorously running, sophomore Matt Miller trains for his second season of wrestling. "We go all out and we run until we can't run anymore," said Miller. Due to his concussion in the middle of the season, his record was 5-5 on varsity.



Row 1: Brett Brinkley, Tristan Robertson, Jesse Smith, Matt Colomes, Alex Diaz, Robbie Hernandez, Brandon Garcia
Row 2: Austin Brown, Brett Tauber, Kody Hoese, Josh Terzarial, Anthony Carter, Tyler Lipski, Kyle Buikema



Row 1: Amir Wright, Greg Copp, Antonio Garcia, Collin Sutton, Kasey Payne, Jordan Galindo, Jacob Adams
Row 2: Zach Thomas, Bryan Smith, Seth Shepard, Jared Lipski, Aaron Brown, Anthony Quintero, Troy Cullen

Baseball



Varsity:

Morton	14-1
KV	1-4
KV	15-5
Portage	13-3
Valparaiso	7-0
Andrean	4-3
Andrean	8-4
Highland	3-0
Chesterton	7-1
Munster	7-6
Highland	11-10
Munster	8-7
Rochester	5-3
Culver Military	7-1
EC Central	13-3
Hobart	8-0
Hobart	2-1
Clark	9-1

Junior Varsity:

Morton	12-1	Hobart	14-0
Fairfield	2-1	Highland	10-2
Fairfield	16-6	Munster	15-0
KV	14-3		
KV	12-4		
Portage	20-3		
Valparaiso	7-7		
Andrean	17-7		
Andrean	13-1		
Munster	10-0		
Merriville	13-4		
Hanover Central	2-0		
Hobart	9-4		
Hobart	5-1		
Lowell	11-5		

Final Record: 17-11

Final Record: 6-12

→ "Coach has me warm up my pitching before my game. It's a bit-tersweet feeling that it's my last year playing at Griffith, but I get to continue at PNC next year," said senior Anthony Carter. Carter is one of the three starting pitchers.

→ "I'm always really focused while I bat because I want to hit the ball as far as I can. It's really important to me to do the best I can," said junior Tristan Olsen. Olsen has been playing baseball for Griffith for three years and this is his first season on varsity.



→ Warming up his pitching arm before the Railcats High School Challenge, sophomore Brett Tauber prepares himself for the game. "I always try to get my bad throws out beforehand, so I can do my personal best during the game," said Tauber.

→ Winning against Bishop Noll, the second ranked team in the state, junior Kyle Buikema runs to catch a fly ball. "I chose to be a catcher because you get to control the game and be in charge of everyone on the field," said Buikema.



One team one dream

Why not believe in yourself?

Why not believe in yourself? During the pre-season banquet the Griffith Panther Baseball Team invited a speaker to get them motivated. The speaker asked, "Why not Griffith? Why not win state? Why not be the winning team?" This got the players thinking to themselves, "Maybe this is the year to be their ultimate best. This is the year to go all the way to state. This is the year to leave it all on the field every time they step foot out of the dugout. This is their year." Why not believe in yourself?

Why not make our disadvantages our advantages? "Our goal as a team is to make sure we get better every game and improve our weak spots. The seniors this year are great leaders in not only baseball, but all around. They come from good families and have very good academics. They've been great with me these past four years, and I hope they continue to grow as not only baseball players but also men," said Coach Brian Jennings.

Why not be the best you can be? Freshman Anthony Quintero was the first player to hit a home run out of junior varsity and varsity at the home game against Valpo. "I knew it was going to be a good hit as soon as I hit it off the bat. I started running and I couldn't stop smiling because I knew the ball went far. I never thought it was going to be a home run though," said Quintero.

At the Munster High School game, junior Matt Colomes hit the first home run for the varsity team. "I kept my hands back and just exploded off the back. I don't know what it was, but I had a feeling it was going over the fence," said Colomes.

Why not try to win the game and an award? At the annual Railcats High School Challenge, the baseball team was able to participate this year and play on a semi-pro field. During this game, senior Alex Diaz

was rewarded with MVP award out of all the players on the Griffith team. "I was really surprised that I was rewarded with the MVP player. I never expected it. I also got to throw the first pitch at the Railcats Game on May 20, and I'm really excited about it," said Diaz. Diaz was also rewarded MVP at the Tippecanoe Tournament on Saturday, April 27th.

Why not make memories? Most baseball players say that they're more than a team; they're more like brothers. The team is with each other every day after school, whether it's a game day or just for a regular practice. An average practice is around two hours long, and a baseball game can run around three hours. The team also participates in multiple tournaments that could last all day and could possibly cause the team to spend the night. "My favorite memory so far this year was going down to Tippecanoe and sharing a room with Austin Brown and Robbie Hernandez. We stayed up late and just hung out. Then we got to wake up and have a full day of baseball," said sophomore Josh Terzari.

Why not this year? Every year the baseball team hopes to make it to state and bring home the winning trophy. Jennings pushes the boys every day to do their personal best and to work harder so they can live the dream this year of being state champions. "My goal is to win state this season because I feel that we have the ability to get that far and win it. I want to put Griffith baseball on the map for Indiana; I want us to be known. Why not?" said junior Brandon Garcia.

All of our baseball players agree that this is the year to put everything they have in every game they play. Every game is important, and every game needs a lot of effort. Before each game they ask themselves, "Why not Griffith? Why not win state? Why not be the winning team?" Most importantly, "Why not believe in yourself and make your hopes and dreams happen this year?"

Hitting for Home

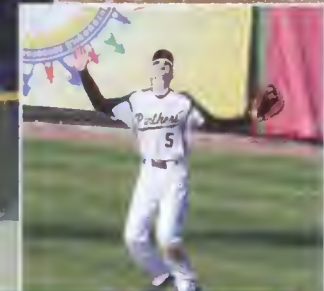
Anthony Quintero, 9



Brett Brinkley, 12



Kody Hoese, 9



Jesse Smith, 12



Austin Brown, 12



➔ "When I'm batting I stay focused; it's a lot of mental work. All the work you put in during the off season is shown in the game," said sophomore Robbie Hernandez. Hernandez has been playing baseball for many years and continues to learn and improve.



Row 1: Destiny Moore, Caylee Adams, Rhiannon Kozy, Sammi Adams, Blair Morton, Lauren Maynard, Erica Yost
Row 2: Jordan Baltus, Alexis Atkinson, Jamie Rex, Don Bence, Katie Gardner, Alyssa Gebo, Sarah Galambos



Row 1: Stephanie Lockhart, Sidney Hero, Alex Colomes, Danielle Falkner, Shania White, Sarah Dodson, Danielle Moore
Row 2: Kailey Shepard, Morgan Taylor, Taylor Strauch, Doreen Hilbrich, Courtney Tinsley, Lauren Kovacic, Becky Schnoor

Softball



Varsity:

Chesterton	2-0
Merrillville	9-3
Boone Grove	4-2
Hobart	7-0
Highland	13-6
Andean	10-0
Munster	4-3
Lowell	8-6
Hobart	6-4
Highland	6-3
Andean	10-7
Morton	2-1
Munster	8-1
Lowell	6-5
Kankakee Valley	4-1
Gavit	14-4
Crown Point	10-0
Lake Central	7-0
Calumet	21-0
Wheeler	5-0
Gavit (sect.)	11-1
Hammond High (sect.)	14-4
Clark (sect.)	3-1
Hanover (reg.)	6-1

Final Record: 13-11

Junior Varsity:

Chesterton	14-12
Merrillville	19-2
Boone Grove	21-9
Hobart	12-10
Highland	6-4
Bishop Noll	15-0
Munster	13-1
Hobart	9-7
Morton	10-0
Kankakee Valley	12-2
Munster	27-2
Lowell	5-2
Kankakee Valley	7-3
Crown Point	7-5
Lake Central	9-2
Wheeler	10-0
Whiting	13-8

Final Record: 8-9



Senior Night



Varsity team

➔ Leading off second base, sophomore Lauren Maynard gets ready to take off. "When I lead off, I only focus on the release of the pitch and the pop of the bat," said Maynard. Not only was this her first year at Griffith, it was also her first season on the varsity team.

➔ Inside the chalked lines of the batter's box, senior Sarah Galambos stands ready to hit. "I'm a good hitter, so I don't get nervous, I just stay determined to hit the ball. When I'm under pressure, I slow myself down and keep it simple," said Galambos.



➔ Taking a jog along the outfield fence with her varsity team, junior Erica Yost warms up before the game. "We're always laughing and making jokes with each other during warm up, which help us forget about the nerves we had," said Yost.

➔ On the pitcher's mound, sophomore Blair Morton winds up, ready to fire the ball into the catcher's mitt. "When I strike a batter out, I feel accomplished because my skills were good enough. Its like saying 'goodbye sucker!'," said Morton.



Diamonds: girls' best friend

Panthers show their love for softball

When softball season arrived, players stepped up to the plate in their black and gold uniforms and all shared a common goal, that was winning. Even against the rumored "tough to beat" schools, both teams never gave up and put forth their all, no matter what the scoreboard looked like. With the help of coaches, these softball girls reached their full potential. Even though having practice three to four times a week interfered with other after school activities such as homework and friends, these girls dedicated all of their extra time to getting better at the sport. In the process, the varsity and junior varsity teams formed a friendship that will help carry them through their future softball seasons at Griffith High School.

Two coaches helped the varsity girls improve their skills and enjoy their season: the head coach Don Bence and the assistant coach Kevin Brackett. For this season, six players experienced their final games and tournaments with Griffith High School softball. "I've been playing softball for a total of fourteen years and four of those are from my freshman to senior years at Griffith. Out of the four seasons I have been in Griffith softball, my freshman year was by far the best. Going through the years, the team and I have become really close. We're basically a family, even with the newer girls. We had an awesome time and got along great. I'm going to miss it," said senior Katie Gardner. She played in the outfield on varsity for her last year of high school.

Coach Doreen Hilbrich lead the junior varsity team for the season. This team consisted of seven freshmen and six sophomores who played hard and pulled out a finishing record of 8-9. "The beginning of the season was really challenging, but then it became a great time. All of the younger girls would get advice from the sophomores and it helped out a lot. Overall, the toughest teams to beat were Crown Point and Munster," said freshman Courtney Tinsley.

Before each and every game, the girls would warm up just like any other team by jogging around the field, stretching, having infield or outfield practice, hitting, and playing catch. However, one thing stood out when other schools played our Griffith varsity softball team. At the start of the playing of the National Anthem, the Lady Panthers would lock their pinky fingers together and stand facing the flag.

Every year, there is something or someone that comes along to make the season more memorable than the last. For this season, the biggest thing that stood out was a broken down bus. "It was our first sectional game against Gavit and we were already running late, so when the bus broke down, it was funny because it was one thing after another that kept happening. Everyone was yelling with their heads hanging out the window screaming for food. Erica Yost actually got some fries from a guy on the street," said senior Caylee Adams.

Adding to their year, the girls brought home a sectional win. Defeating Gavit 11-1 was the first part of the sectional winning streak. That victory moved them up to face the next school, Hammond High. Dominating over their team, Griffith won again 14-4. That brought them to their game versus Clark where they played for the title. Winning 3-1, the girls sealed the deal and gained their hard earned and deserved sectional win.

Regionals, however, did not go as successfully as sectionals. The game against Hanover Central was played on May 28th. Unfortunately, violent rain storms and thunder caused the last two and a half innings of the game to be played the next day. Going into the fourth inning on the following day, the Lady Panthers were down 4-0 to Hanover's team. Not allowing the scoreboard to show a zero for Griffith, the girls pulled together, scored one run, and kept fighting. Even with their best efforts put forward, the game did not end with the Panthers favor with an ending score of 6-1.



➔ Before going up against the opposing team's pitcher, sophomore Rhiannon Kozy talks with coach Don Bence. "When he talks to me, it encourages me to make sure I swing good and it boosts me up because of the positivity," said Kozy.



➔ Walking through the tunnel of bats with her mom, senior Alyssa Gebo is recognized on senior night. "It was a sad, but happy moment for me. Being a senior meant you had to be a leader for the team, and I feel like I did that," said Gebo.

What it takes to play the field



"It takes heart and passion to be successful on the field. Good communication helps a lot, especially when your team is in a difficult situation. You also need a good bond with the team, so when some of them are down, you're able to pick them back up and put them back in game mode. Focus is the most important part of playing the field; if you are not focused, you are not fully in the game."

Destiny Moore, 11



"Hard work and determination is a big part of being on the field because effort is important. Slacking off is not an option. If you slack off, you're not really on the field. A strong team bond helps with playing the field because teamwork keeps the girls pumped up and ready to play. Having a good attitude helps a lot, too. It keeps your head straight and concentrated on the game so you're ready for the next play."

Stephanie Lockhart, 9

➔ Freshman Brian Brzycki follows his ball after he takes a swing at the course versus Calumet. "I feel like I have to mentally prepare myself so I can really get the feel of the ball. That's my secret of a good game," said Brzycki. This is Brzycki's first year on the team.

➔ As senior Jacob Loomis tees off, he reflects on all the time he's spent on the team. "I've been apart of the team since my freshman year. It's one of the few things that I'm going to miss when I graduate high school this year," said Loomis.



Row 1: Joseph Shapiro, Jamie Thomas, Nathan Vuckovich, Brian Brzycki, Andrew Bowman, Gabriel Lewis-Danek
Row 2: Thomas Plesek, Dakota Broelmann, William Bogan, Mike Worosz, Mark Plawecki, Jonathan Baccino, Jacob Loomis

Boys Golf

Varsity:

Portage	171-189
Kankakee Valley	189-191
Highland	180-197
Hobart	196-214
Lowell	190-197
Andean	166-193
Whiting	198-217
Hanover Central	186-191
Calumet	177-258
Morton	177-261
Munster	157-181
Wheeler	165-173
NCC Tournament	375 (4th place)
Sectionals	366 (8th place)

Final Record: 5-9



➔ Getting ready to make his shot, sophomore Tommy Plesek puts his ball on the ground. "Golf is one of my favorite things about school. It's a great way to stay active in activities in the school and to jump start my summer," said Plesek.

➔ Standing on the golf course in Highland, junior Dakota Broelmann waits for his turn to putt. "There's something special about competing with the other teams. There's really no way to explain the thrill of it," said Broelmann.



Going for the 'birdie'

Boys golf takes the course with Griffith pride

Before the boys golf season could really begin, a drought hit the Griffith region. This left the town dry and warm. After the long winter season, this was a much welcomed change. However, when the season was supposed to start, there was an abundance of rain, making all of the matches and practices for most of the sports teams, to be rescheduled. Starting off the season on wet grass, the boys golf team was determined not to let a little rain hold them back from making it a good season.

With the boys focused on the season, they put everything they had into beating the other golf teams of the county. "When we found out the season was being held back by a few weeks, I didn't know what to think. I liked that we had a little extra time to practice, but otherwise, I thought it did the team more harm than good. We had all prepared ourselves for the game, both mentally and physically, and we were all disappointed to find that we had to wait. I know it wasn't anyone's fault, but I really hope it doesn't happen during the season again, because I know that the other teams got extra practice just like we did," said senior William Bogan.

"I was nervous for sectionals, which is kind of ridiculous now that I think about it. Golf is like second nature to me, just like breathing. I've never known anything quite like it, and I can honestly say that after the season is over. I'm going to still be going out to golf, either by myself, or with family and friends. Another reason I want to continue to golf, even out of season, is because it'll help me improve my skills in that particular area, maybe with my swings or with how much force I'm putting into that swing. It'll help me prepare for next year, so it's almost like a head start. Practice makes perfect," said

freshman Joseph Shapiro.

With regionals lurking in the future, the players talk about who they think might actually be able to go on. "Sometimes I wonder how much dedication it takes to be able to do well when it comes to competitions. To me it feels like while the season is going on, that's what I spend all of my time doing. I know if you work hard you'll reap the benefits, but it still doesn't mean while the season is active I can't enjoy myself when not with the team. For example, after practice I may go to a family reunion. To me the golf team is like a giant family. One thing about family is that everyone needs some time away from family every once and awhile. That however doesn't mean I don't like spending time with them," said freshman Jamie Thomas.

The team enjoys practicing with each other and getting to really know their fellow team members. One way that they do this, is through bonding activities. These bonding activities can vary but it's common for the members to hang out with each other after the practices. "I really enjoy spending time with the team. Sometimes we'll go to Bozo's after practice and get some chili cheese hot dogs. In my opinion the whole season was awesome. I mean sure we lost a few times, but we still ended up kicking butt. I can honestly say I'm proud of that, and seeing as how I'm a freshman this year, I can keep up the tradition of kicking the other teams back in their place so that Griffith can return victorious. The only thing I wish would change is the fact that Griffith doesn't actually have its own golf course, and the bus ride to the practice course can be kind of crowded. It's still exciting though and a great way to start off the summer," said freshman Gabriel Lewis-Danek.



➔ Talking to coach Mike Worosz, gym, before the match, senior Jacob Loomis and junior Dakota Broelmann discuss the possible outcomes of the game. "Talking about how the game could turn out is a great way to motivate the players to do better," said Worosz.

➔ As senior William Bogan gets ready to putt, he concentrates on his goals. "Keeping your goal realistic and simple is the best way to stay focused and actually achieve what you want. It's also a good way to stay positive around the team," said Bogan.



Seasonal Goals



Tommy Plesek, 10

"One of my goals for future seasons is shoot constantly, getting a 45 or better. To make it to regionals like we did in past years, and to play as many nice courses as we can. I also plan to stay on the team until the very end of my high school career."



Mark Plawecki, 11

"Being on the golf team was one of my favorite things this year, and I feel like trying to beat my past scores is my current goal. Next year I plan to do even better than I did this year, totally conquering courses for Griffith. I feel that doing that is realistic and worthwhile."



➔ "I like the competition and the challenge in the hurdles event. I like to push myself," said freshman Blake Megquier, jumping hurdles at the Griffith versus Andean meet. "I want to get 16 seconds for 110 meter hurdles and 42 seconds for 300 meter hurdles."

➔ With confidence, junior Rodney Lewis finishes in first place for the 4 by 1 meter relay. "It was a home meet, and senior night. Getting first place for nearly all the events was a great accomplishment, especially for that night," said Lewis.



Row 1: Brian Orkis, Rodney Lewis, Ben Stassin, Steven Paproki, Michael Alonzo, Collin Pascoe, Blake Megquier, Micheal Douglas, Jenna Berzy, Anthony Zardnt
Row 2: Micheal Hendrick, Vaun Johnson, Brandon Brummet, Connor Pascoe, Brandon Dyer, Daniel Walker, David Dowd
Row 3: Marcus Johnson, Daniel Perez, Evan Masters, Alejandro Gamino



Row 1: Shannon Scheidel, Cameesha Scheeringa, Madison Lynch, Cassi Root, Abbi Kik, Ashlyn Gary, Taylor Austin, Shaconda Davis, Jessica Leslie, Lisa Cavillo, Keary Weaver
Row 2: Alicia Aguirre, Deziree Walker, Brittany Burbridge, Cara Smith, Megan Garcia, Daniella Ayala, Robyn Helton, Emily Morrison
Row 3: Jasmine Naper, Destiny Barajas, Emily Matson, Alejandra Leon, Marissa Perez, Alicia James

Track

Boys		Girls	
Highland	106-17	Highland	67-53
Hobart	116-15	Hobart	105.5-21.5
KV	102-29	KV	112-116
Andean	88-40	Andean	83-36
Munster	117-11		

Final Record 0-5

Final Record 1-3



➔ Warming up for their races, senior Destiny Barajas and sophomore Brittany Burbridge run down the football field during the first home meet of the outdoor season. "Not warming up before a race has a bad result. You should loosen up and not be so stiff," said Burbridge.

➔ Throwing a shot at the home meet against Highland, sophomore Michael Alonzo throws it a clear 38 feet. "I was extremely nervous, since it was our first outdoor meet of the season. I'm striving to get to 45 feet this year," said Alonzo.



Jump, run, throw

Track team makes a run for it

After months of just sitting on the couch and making weekend trips to McDonalds, track season started in early March, which meant it was time to get in shape and eat more greens to be conditioned. With the start of the season came numerous indoor workouts, since the sun decided to come out later this spring. Once it got warmer, the team started back on track, running around the football field, and making an occasional trip on the bike trail. The team welcomed many newcomers that were eager to get on the track.

"I did track in middle school, but I took off a year. I'm glad I decided to join again. It was an awesome experience. I'm hoping to come out again next year," said sophomore Emily Morrison.

As for the rest, most track members are returners from the previous season. Among those is the legendary senior Taylor Austin. Austin has been running track for seven years and successfully made it to state last year and this year.

"My goal is to win conference and sectionals, make it to regionals, and get top 10 at state for my mile. I want to get my mile time to 4 minutes and 58 seconds," said Austin.

Some events that are in track and field include shot put, discus, one and two mile run, 800 meter run, 100 meter run, 200 meter run, 400 meter run, and low and high hurdles.

"I usually run the 100 meter run and 200 meter run. The 100 meter run is my favorite event. I want to get to regionals and turn up," said junior Rodney Lewis.

Along with all the running events, there are also field events, such as shot put, discus, long jump, high jump, and pole vault. This year, Griffith did not have any pole vaulters in lack of no supervision for

the event.

"This is my first year participating in long jump. By the end of the year I want to get to 18 feet," said sophomore Evan Masters.

The track season went by faster than a gust of a wind. Before they knew it, conference was right around the corner. Conference was on May 7, at Hobart High School.

"Conference was exhilarating. We gave it all we got, even though we felt dead afterwards. Now we're heading off to sectionals," said senior Deziree Walker.

For Austin, conference was a breeze, placing first for both the mile and two mile and she swiftly moved along to sectionals then regionals, and lastly, state! Austin qualified for the one mile and two mile for regionals, placing first for both races in sectionals, and second for the one mile and third for the two mile at regionals. She also qualified for both the mile and two mile for state, placing ninth for the one mile and 22nd for the two mile.

"Don't leave anything to question and run your heart out. There's always time to recover, but you only have a short time to make the race count," said Austin.

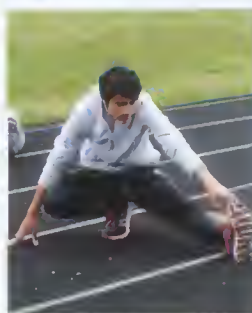
Junior Cameesha Scheeringa also qualified for regionals for the 100 meter dash, placing fourth in sectionals and eighth in regionals.

"I'm proud that I was able to run in regionals. Next year, I'm going for state," said Scheeringa.

Since many members are graduating, coach Shannon Scheidel encourages more students to join the track and field team.

There is a wide variety of events, you'll find something that suits you, and the best of all, it keeps you in shape," said Scheidel.

Stretching it out



Stretching is a very important part of running. During practice, the team stretches from their arms to their calves. They do form stretching, stretching in a line, then they do individual stretches, such as stretching their calves against a fence or stretching their legs out.

"I don't think I can run a race without stretching before. It helps me get pumped for my race, and it helps me get loose as well," said sophomore Daniel Perez.

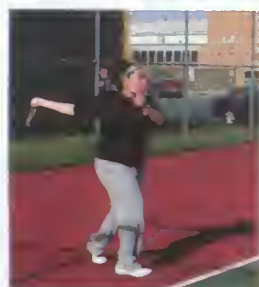
Team stretching is also important and helps tremendously. The runners grab a partner and they take turns stretching each other. This stretch routine is always used the day before a meet.

"Team stretching before a meet is a great way to warm up and get ready to run your race. It benefits me as well as my partner. It's like a two for one deal," said freshman Marissa Perez. "I feel great when I run since I'm loosened up."

➔ Running the 3200 meter relay at Highland, senior Taylor Austin strives to be in first place. "By the end of the season, I want my 3200 meter relay time to be 2 minutes and 18 seconds. I know I can reach that time. I just have to give it all I got," said Austin



So close yet, so far



Every year Griffith's varsity and jv teams participate in separate tournaments, both located at Highland High School. In both Highland tournaments, Bishop Noll, Highland, Michigan City, Andrean, Lowell, and Valparaiso participated. The jv tourney took place a few days before the varsity tournament. "This was my first tennis tournament and I think I did alright. Overall my team could have done better," said junior Samantha Fuller.

For the varsity squad, the team placed 4th out of six teams. "We pushed ourselves as much as we were able to. We didn't stop fighting," said senior Michelle Torres. The Griffith Panthers had four different doubles teams playing in the tournament. The tournament was a way of letting the team experience playing different teams that were not on their 2013 schedule and playing with different partners.

➔ On the day of senior ditch day, junior Chandler Adkins seizes her opportunity to play three singles for varsity against Lowell. "The match gave me a feel of how it is to play for varsity. Although it takes more effort, I'm anxious to move up to varsity next season," said Adkins.



Varsity
Row 1: Melissa Vierya, Karina Silva, Faith Adams, Jaszmin Lopez, Kaitlyn Meyer, Melissa Chairó, Taylor Jones, Jocelyn Serna, Michelle Torres
Row 2: Sara Torres, Kassy Lopez, Jacy Vuckovich, Stacy Weber, Amber Peoples, Chelsea Waddell, Sydney Lidster, Chloe Norton, Ali Acevedo, Samantha Fuller, Mark Harnew

Girls Tennis

East Chicago	3-2	Hobart	4-1
Bishop Noll	3-2	Munster	5-0
Lake Central	5-0	Whiting	5-0
Clark	5-0	Hammond High	5-0
Highland	4-1	River Forest	4-1
KV	5-0		
Lowell	3-2		
Andrean	5-0		

Final Record 3-10



➔ Using teamwork, sophomore Faith Adams and junior Melissa Vierya win their last match of the season. The home match against River Forest also occurred on senior night. "The seniors were so surprised by our posters and decorations for them," said Vierya.

Queens of the court

Ruling the courts one match at a time

The Griffith Panther's tennis team faced many adjustments this spring season. The most important transition occurred before the season even began when former assistant coach, Mark Harnew, middle school social studies, was warmly welcomed as the new head coach. Since Harnew had been the assistant coach in the past, adapting to his coaching style was almost effortless for the team. "Becoming the new head coach was not difficult at all. The team was very flexible and accommodated very well," said Harnew.

The season usually begins in March with conditioning inside. During this time the team improves on their agility and technical skills through drills and games. In the beginning of the season, the time spent outside was utilized for challenge matches. Challenge matches are matches that teammates play against each other to determine who will play what spot. The spots for varsity include 1,2,3 singles and 1,2 doubles.

This year started late due to bad weather conditions. The team was forced to practice in the upstairs gym for most of the beginning season which caused setbacks for practice. Not only did the spring sport have to practice inside, but they also had to share the gym with other sports that needed it such as the girls soccer team. With little to do in such conditions, practice times were shortened.

The team made adjustments to the upstairs gym to better improve their skills. Masking tape was put on the floor, approximately the size of a tennis court to practice getting their hits inside the lines. "Practicing in the upstairs gym was the worst. It's so hot and there's not enough space to get a good practice," said junior Jacy Vukovich. While indoors, the team mostly played games to

work on specific techniques. One of team's favorite games, "Queen of the Court."

Since several of the matches were rescheduled, the girls were prepared to make them up. The team had matches five days a week for two weeks in order to compensate for the cancelled matches.

On May 6th, the team participated in their last match of the season against River Forest. This was also senior night. The senior girls were surprised to find encouraging signs and posters made by all of their teammates. The underclassman contributed their time and effort by making a poster to support each individual senior. "I am going to miss our seniors a lot. They were very supportive and taught me a lot about tennis," said freshman Jazmin Lopez. Cups were along the fence of the tennis court that said "We love our seniors." To start off the match the seniors were introduced by their parents. Many parents brought roses for their daughters. The team beat their opponents 4-1 and celebrated with cake afterwards.

Although the season was over, there was still sectionals to look forward to. The Griffith Panthers tennis was chosen to play the Munster Mustangs at Highland High School. "I think we all knew we were going to lose, but I know we all tried our best. We stayed together as a team and cheered for each other," said senior Karina Silva.

With the season in the past, the team joined one last time to go and support the Highland Trojans in their match against the Munster Mustangs at the sectional final. "We went to watch the game because we knew it was going to be a really competitive match," said senior Kassy Lopez.



➔ Number one singles player, senior Michelle Urena warms up for her match against Highland. "Playing one singles can be stressful because you know you have to face the girl with the most skill from each school," said Urena.

➔ "Everyone thinks tennis is an easy sport. It takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and skill," said sophomore Taylor Jones. Jones has played for the last two seasons. This season she played doubles for jv with sophomore Amber Peoples.



Everyone's high school career started out as a new freshman walking into the doors of a brand new place. As freshman, fear was marked on our faces while trying to avoid every upperclassmen on the first day of class. With the years passing, each class gained new opportunities to eventually climb to the top of the ladder and achieve the highest rank of high school.

As freshmen, many students worry about fitting in preoccupied the mind and the main focus was finding a group of friends, but as time progressed, the social worries transformed into worries concerning a student's future and purpose. With sophomore and junior year the change in focus allowed students to realize the reality that life does not end after high school but instead, the end marks the beginning of independence. Students focused on grades and standardized tests that would help set their high school transcript apart from a pool of kids during the examination of college applications. Approaching senior year, many students appeared calm, but as the year passed by, the decisions of what college to attend and how to afford the cost of a secondary education bombarded the students until a final decision was made.

Even though high school comes with an amount stress, the unique quality of meeting an array of people outweighs the sleepless nights caused by studying one's life away.

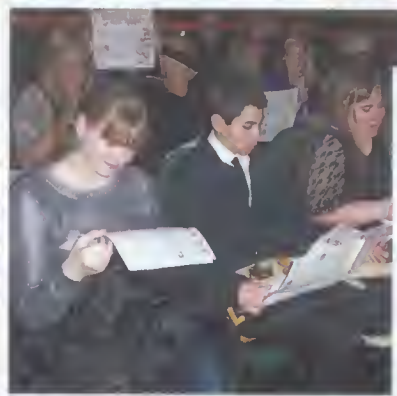
It is apparent that throughout high school friendships are made and the need to have a good time is always on one's mind. However, while attending the dreaded seven hours of school, students find a way to balance social and academic aspects. Many students create opportunities of getting away from school by attending the sporting events and super fanning your best friend or even the ability to take a short forty minute train ride to downtown Chicago and spend the day there.

Many students can find themselves looking back on the four years spent within the hallways of Griffith High School. Some may smile at times spent together, and some may laugh while reminiscing at the pictures found in the yearbooks. In the end, we as a whole have the opportunity to remember the changes that occurred halfway through the year and how the best was made of every situation. For example, the new procedure of wearing IDs and after the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut students were forced to trudge their way to the main entrance of the building if one was late. This increased security may be something students hate now but are grateful for in the future. Also, the trend of young boys sagging their pants or girls wearing boots with leggings may be a trend that we all laugh at ten years from now. In the end, when class reunions occur and we dig into the old yearbooks, a smile is destined to brighten one's face when we understand the change the student body went through as they climbed their way to the top of the high school "social ladder."



Taking it step by step

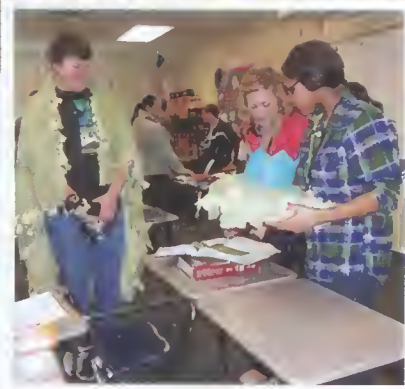
Shakespeare Theatre Field Trip



Ice Skating in Chicago



Ross Myers, 12 and Karis White, 12



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B
Hall

Throughout the school day, students are released from classes seven times a day. It is evident though that the "B" hall is always filled with a cluster of students. Seniors Ashlan Gary and Daizja Hill are two students that use this hall everyday. "I was holding hands with my best friend, Daizja, as we walked to Miss Scheidel's class and just talked about the day to get rid of some stress from previous classes," said Gary.

Jenna Berzy
Jenna Candiano
Teresa Carstensen
Christine Chidichimo
Sarah Cohen
Kristina Collard



Bill Cope
William Crowley
Lauren Culp
Justin Fronek
Whitney Fritts
Peter Ghrist



Michael Graczyk
James Graff
Cindy Jursic
Jen Koon
Debbie Korak
Christina Kulunski



Rhonda Lanfear
Barb Luevano
Lisa Megquier
Keith Mitchell
Laura North
Brian Orkis



Teaching with a purpose



"I always try to get my students to participate in games and activities before any upcoming tests or quizzes in order to trick them into working out more math problems and include themselves in class activities. Many of my students get very competitive, which makes the entire activity much more enjoyable as they learn the information."

Keith Mitchell, math

"Whenever I start a new assignment or section, I always try to keep my students engaged in the assignment by keeping things entertaining and the students attentive. I try to keep lessons upbeat and get the students involved in each lesson. When you're this good, it's hard to screw it up."

J.P. Schroeder, English



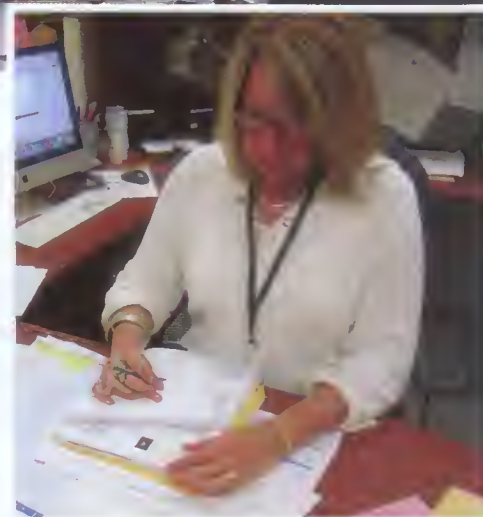
"I structure my classes beginning with a music related trivia in order to build rapport in the class. We work on our singing technique through certain warm-ups and sight-reading exercises. Applying what the students have learned during these exercises builds technique to get in to a higher level of choral singing."

Kristin Anderson, choir



➔ In one of her Honors Algebra II classes, Christine Chidichimo helps her student, sophomore Matt Miller, out with his homework. "After working independently, I encourage all of my students to come and ask me about any problems they have in the subject," said Chidichimo.

➔ Sitting at her desk in the guidance office, Michelle Uditchz sorts through students' work and schedules for the upcoming year. "Helping students prepare a high school transcript that will get them into the college of their choice is my priority," said Uditchz.





Kay Orzechowicz
Luann Pramuk
Lynette Radoe
Juanita Raybourne
Lynn Roades



Shannon Scheidel
Ingrid Schimnoski
Jake Scott
Cathy Sutkowski
Mary Anne Tigner



Sheila Vaclavik
Travis Walls
Julie Wencloff
Chris Wroblewski



➔ Principal Bill Cope and Assistant Principal Justin Fronek help serve Debbie Korak at a staff breakfast around Christmas time. "It was nice to have a quick breakfast before the band Christmas concert the following night," said Korak, Music department head.

➔ Social Studies teacher and football coach, Jim Pickett announces an award to student athlete, junior Tyler Lipski. "It's been a pleasure coaching for the past twenty-one years and it's nice to see the parents at the ceremony to recognize what their kids have done," said Pickett.



➔ Jack Gabor, health, stands at the end of the "G" hallway while supervising students with James Graff, art. "For the welfare of the students, both of us try to make sure students are clearing the halls and getting to class on time," said Gabor.

➔ Working at the Attendance Office, Brenda Bonewits multi-tasks as she checks the attendance records. "Every day, I look forward to seeing all of the students when they either come to visit me or they walk in the main entrance of the school," said Bonewits.



Alisondra Acevedo

Tennis 9,10,11,12 Wrestling Manager 10,11

Caylee Adams

Reflector Staff 10,11,12 (Business Manager 11) (Editor-in-Chief 12) Booster Club 9,10,11,12 (President 12) Softball 9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 11,12 Class Council 9,10,11,12 Student Council 12 FCCLA 10,11,12 International Club 11,12 Volleyball 9 Homecoming Court

Samantha Adams

Basketball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Softball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Class Council 9,10,11,12 International Club 12

Bri-anne Andriessen

Diving 9,10,11,12 Drama 10,11,12 International Club 9,10,11,12 (Treasurer 11) Booster Club

Christy Anzur

Golf 11,12 (Captain 11,12 MVP 11,12 Regional Qualifier 11,12) Soccer 9,10 International Club 10,12 Yearbook 11 Boy's Gold Manager 11,12

Joseph Armstrong**Taylor Austin**

Booster Club 11,12 Class Council 11,12 FCCLA 10,11 XC 9,10,11,12 (Captain 10,11,12) Basketball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Track 9,10,11,12 (Captain 9,10,11,12)

Khristian Ayala

Soccer 9,10,11 Prom Court International Club 9,10,11 Track 12

Taylor Backe**Destiny Barajas**

Track & Field 10,11,12 (Captain 12) Choir 9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 11,12 Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Class Council 9,10,11,12 International Club 9,10,11,12 (Treasurer 12)

Christopher Benko

Football 9,10,11,12

Emma Blackard

Basketball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Cross Country 10 Class Council 9,10,11,12



What is your favorite high school memory?



"My favorite high school memory was during my freshman year in Mrs. Keithley's Foods II class. We went to Jedi's to tour the kitchen and ate for free. Since I was the only freshman in the class I made so many friends while enjoying the experience."

-Derrick Kong, 12

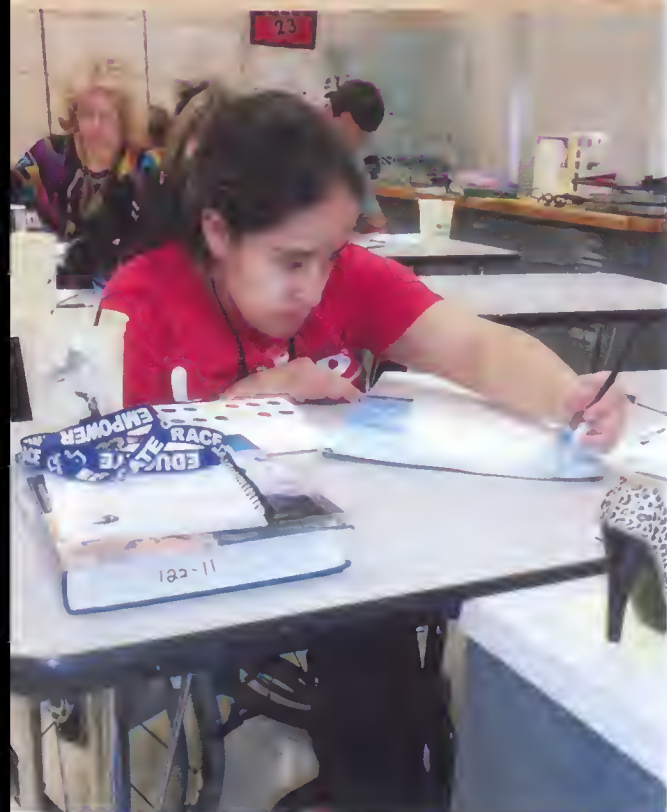
"Being lab partners in Chem II with Rosie Quintanilla is definitely one of my favorite memories. She makes me laugh during boring labs especially when she breaks things. Mrs. KV always gets mad at us. I will miss her so much next year."

-Damesha Rodgers, 12

➔ Talking in the athletic hallway, seniors Ryan Camp and Justin Harris discuss the different types of wrestling. "We were on our way to APC class and going to workout," said Harris. Because he has wrestled since he was seven years old, Camp knows a lot about the sport.



➔ Taking a break from working the middle school reality store, senior Tyler Pena and classmates try to detangle themselves from a human knot. "It was nice to take a break from classes for a day. I had a blast with everyone," said Pena.



William Bogan
Golf 9,10,11,12 Tennis 10,11 Bowling 11,12
Patrick Bolda



Katie Bridges
Pantherettes 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Booster Club
9,10,11,12 Class Council 10,11,12 National Honor Society
12 Yearbook 11,12 Turnabout Court



Brett Brinkley
Varsity Football 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Varsity Baseball
9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Turnabout Court Prom Court
Homecoming Court



Austin Brown
Football 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Basketball 9,10,11,12
(Captain 12) Baseball 9,11,12 Student Council 11,12
(President 12) National Honor Society 11,12 Turnabout
Court (Prince) Prom Court Homecoming Court Track
9,10 Class Council 10,11



Caitlin Brown



Brandon Brummet
Football 9,10,11,12 Golf 11 Track & Field 10 Wrestling 9



Anthony Carter
Football 9 Basketball 10 Baseball 9,10,11,12 Turnabout
Court



Manon Carter
Student Council 10,12 Class Council 9,10,11,12
Swimming 9,10,11 Volleyball 9,10 Booster Club 9,10,11



Caitlin Christenson

➔ Senior Jodi Morales works on her "house overgrown" painting in Patricia Sadler's first hour painting class. "I was surprised by how much I enjoy painting. Mrs. Sadler encourages me to express my feelings and emotions," said Morales.

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➔ Looking over her patient, senior Priscilla Hernandez acts as a nurse for her environmental science class for Travis Walls. "I was taking care of a patient that had chemical poisoning," said Hernandez. Hernandez plans on going to college to be a nurse.



➔ "I'm glad Mr. Cope decided to bring back activities day. We chanted and cheered on all of the seniors," said senior David Higgins. During this year's homecoming week, seniors were excited to cheer on their classmates who participated in activities day.



Miryea Cisneros

Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Class Council (President)
9,10,11,12 Student Council (Secretary) 9,10,11,12
National Honor Society 11,12 International Club 9,10,12
Yearbook 11,12 Pantherette Manager 11 Turnabout
Court (Princess) Prom Court Homecoming Court Tennis
9 Bowling 9

Ailey Clark

International Club (President) 9,10,11,12 Booster Club
9,10,11,12 (Vice President) Student Council 9,10,11,12
(Treasurer) National Honor Society 11,12 Newspaper
10,11,12 (Editor) FCCLA 10,11,12 English Super Bowl 12
Class Council 9,10,11,12

Armando Cordova

Brian Corrie



Evelyn Creech

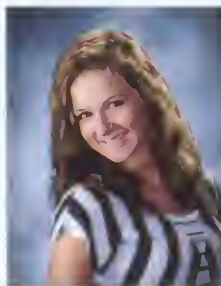
Mia Dal Santo

Science Olympiad 9,10 FCCLA 9,10,11,12 (President
12) National Honor Society 11,12 International Club
10,11,12 Class Council 11,12 English Super Bowl 10,12
SADD 10,11,12

Alex Diaz

Wrestling 10 Football 9,12 Baseball 9,10,11,12

Stephanie DiSanto



Sean Downs

Andy Duhon

Cross Country 10,11,12 Drama 10,11,12 DECA 10,11,12
Swimming 9,10,11 International Club 10,11,12 Track &
Field 9,10 Class Council 10,11,12

Juliana Duvnjak

Soccer 9,10,11,12 Tennis 9 Student Council 9,10,11,12
Class Council 9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 11,12
Booster Club 9,10,11 International Club 10,12 Turnabout
Court Prom Court

Ann Ficht

Golf 9,10,11,12 SADD 11,12



**Andrew Figueroa**

Football 9,10,11,12 Track & Field 10

**Andrew Fowler**

National Honor Society 11,12 (Treasurer) Math Academic Super Bowl 11,12 Social Studies Academic Super Bowl 12

**Sarah Galambos**

Varsity Softball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 10,11,12) Class Council 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12 Volleyball 9,10

**Brandon Gale**

Baseball 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10,11 Choir 9,10,11

**Kaitlynd Gardner****Blaire Gearhart**

Academic Super Bowl 9,10,11,12 DECA 9,10,11,12 (President 12) Drama 9,10,11,12 International Club 10,11,12 (Secretary 11,12) National Honor Society 11,12 (President 12)

**Alyssa Gebo****Maegan Glass****Joey Golub****Lauren Gonzales****Jordan Gonzalez**

Soccer 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9 Booster Club 9

**Pedro Gonzalez**

➔ Writing notes for Kristina Colard's A.P. English class teaching assignment, senior Stefanie Soy designs a jeopardy board. "I was designing it for my class because we were learning about different poems," said Soy. The students were allowed to be teachers for the day in the English class.

➔ As the senior girls eat their lunch, they catch up and talk about their day at school. "Lunch is one of my favorite times of the day," said senior Melissa Martinez. "I see a lot of my friends who I don't have classes with, so it's always enjoyable to talk to them."

When we were freshmen...

- "I was more nervous about my classes."
Angel Nunez, 12
- "I used to eat in the courtyard all the time."
Victoria Bacon, 12
- "We could roam the hallways without green passes."
Alyssa Gebo, 12
- "Tardies weren't accumulated from all classes."
Melissa Smith, 12



Zachary Grin
Football 9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 11,12 Student
Council 11,12
Irene Gutierrez
FCCLA 11
Sierra Gutierrez
Justin Harris
Football 9,10,11,12 Wrestling 10,11,12 (Captain)



Mercedes Hermosillo
David Higgins
Micaiah James
Band 12
Natalie Jancosek



Jackie Johns
National Honor Society (Secretary) 11,12 International
Club 9,10,11,12 (Secretary 10, VP 11) Band 9,10 Drama
9,10,11,12 (Stage Manager) Class Council 9,10,12 Social
Studies Super Bowl 11,12 Bowling Team 9,10
Darien Jones
Rachael Kazmer
Jack Kessey
Basketball 9, National Honor Society 12, Homecoming
Court (King)



Helpful Seniors

On a Saturday morning around nine a.m., seniors Destiny Barajas, Julie Duvnjak, Stephanie Younker, Miryea Cisneros, and Brooke Pospychala volunteered their time to help the elderly and the people who need help raking their leaves.

"I like volunteering my time to help others because it makes me feel good inside knowing I helped those in need," said Barajas.

Raking the leaves for the elderly was sponsored by Suburban Bible Church in Highland, Indiana. The church sponsors this event called Agapè Go, which occurs a couple times a year. These girls and a group of other people from the church went around from town to town in November to help those in need with raking their leaves.

"It took us four hours to rake leaves for three homes in Hammond and Highland. It's not a big deal to donate my time to help those who need it," said Pospychala.





Mathew Kitzmiller

David Koen
Track 9,10,11 Wrestling 10,11

Ciarra Kroslack
Booster Club 9,10 International Club 9,10,11 Newspaper
9,10,11 Volleyball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) DECA
9,10,11 Drama 9,10,11,12 (Thespians 10,11,12) Hair/
Make-up 9,10,11,12 (Captain 10,11)

Thomas Kudyba
Soccer 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Swimming 9,10,11,12



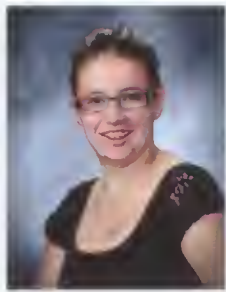
Sarah Kuna

Swimming 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Cross Country 10,11
Volleyball 9 Track 10 FCCLA 9,10,11

Shannon Kunka
Diving 9,10,11,12 International Club 10,11,12 Art Club
10,11,12 Drama 10,11,12 FCCLA 10,11,12 Band 9,10

Emily Kuzmanoff
Varsity Football Manager 9,10,11,12 Class Council 11,12
International Club 11,12 (Co-Secretary 11) Softball 9,10

James Leslie
Talent Show 11 (3rd place) Disability Awareness Game 12
Disability Awareness 11 (Designed shirt)



Sydney Lidster

Emily Linders

Katelyn Lisle

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➔ Taking a picture for photography, senior Ailey Clark is finishing her photo assignment for texture. "I really do like photography, but it is difficult for me and probably will be my lowest grade in high school," said Clark.

➔ During fourth hour lunch, seniors Amber Murphy and Deziree Walker have a conversation about Prom. "We were talking about how excited we are for Prom and how we couldn't wait to have a good time at the dance," said Walker.



➔ Superfanning at a home game, senior Jesse Smith is cheering on the girls basketball team. "My friends and I decided to wear our basketball uniforms from fifth grade and crazy wigs. We like to keep up the Griffith tradition of super fanning," said Smith.

Abigail Little
Class Council 9,10,11,12 Choir 9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 11 Softball 10

JT Long

Jacob Loomis
Golf 9,10,11,12 Mustang Hockey 9,10 (State Champ 10)
Valpo Hockey 11,12 International Club 9,10,11,12

Kassy Lopez



Taylor Louie
Football Manager 9,10,11,12 Class Council 9,10,11,12
Prom Court (Queen) Homecoming Court (Queen) Track Manager 9,10

Kelsie Lunsford
Marching Band 9,10 Concert Band 9,10 Pep Band 9,10
Drama Videographer 12

Steven Marquez
Football 9,10,11,12 Natinal Honor Society 11,12 Academic Math Superbowl 11,12 (Captain 12) International Club 11,12

Melissa Martinez
Volleyball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Class Council 9,10,11,12
Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Newspaper 9,10,11 Track 10
Softball 9 International Club 9,10 FCCLA 9,10,11



Tiffany McDaniel
Sarah McGivney
Cindy McInerney
Soccer 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Basketball 12 Swimming 9 (Team Record Holder) Student Council 9,10,11,12
Class Council 9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 11,12
Turnabout Court Homecoming Court International Club 9,10,11,12 Booster Club 9,10,11 Math Bowl 11

Allie Meece
Swimming 9,10,11,12 Cross Country 9,10 Track 9,10
Set Crew 12



➔ In the darkroom, senior Lauren Gonzales is printing a picture on the enlarger. "The enlarger adjusts the size of the picture and the photographers use this device to print their pictures. This is a tool the photographers defiantly need," said Gonzales.

➔ Before attending APC class, seniors Katie Gardner and Steven Sharp enjoy a quick conversation. "Steven was telling me a funny joke before APC. He is hilarious and always makes me laugh," said Gardner.



Remember When...



"The senior prank was the best time of my life. I got a chance to talk with other seniors that I never talked with before and had fun pranking the school for hours at night."
Jesus Aldape, 12

"Majority of seniors got together and did the senior prank. Everyone came together and got along; we had a blast pranking the school."

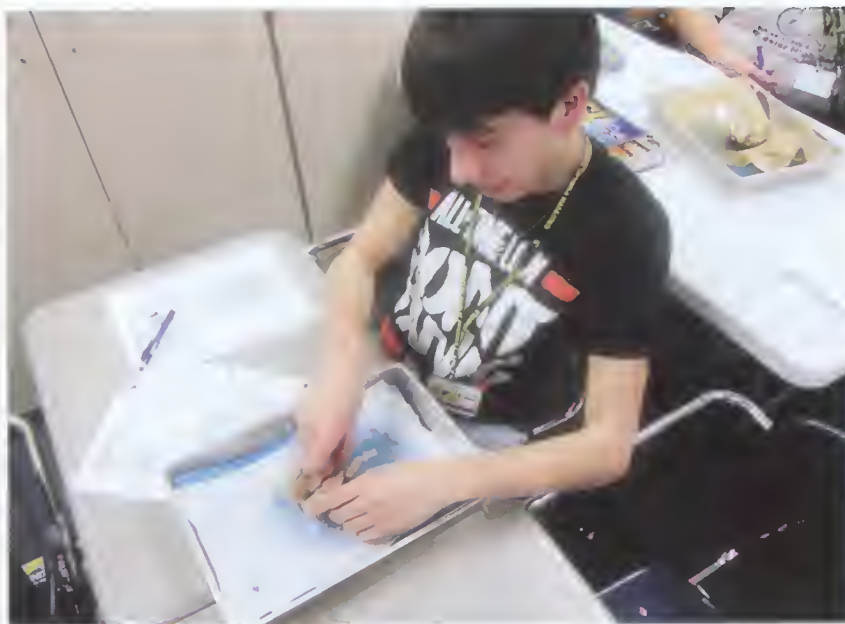
Rachael Kazmer, 12



"Senior Jacob Loomis and I rang the victory bell at Highland during a JV football game!"
Chris Benko, 12

Class of 2013

➔ In ceramics III, senior Allie Meece is making a platter. "I was just experimenting to see what different types of pottery I could make. I really enjoy ceramics because I like the fact that I can mess up and learn from my mistakes," said Meece.



➔ In drawing I, senior Karis White is working on her art portfolio. The portfolio is all the work from the semester and it is turned in at the end for the final. "I like this class because I get the opportunity to expand my drawing abilities," said White.

➔ In psychology, senior Armando Cordova is dissecting a sheep brain. "This lab was interesting and disgusting at the same time. Dissecting the sheep brain was gross but it wasn't as bad as I expected it to be," said Cordova.



Alyssa Melchor

Reflector Staff 9,10,11,12 (Managing Editor 12) National Honor Society 12 Class Council 11,12 (President 11) International Club 10,11,12 FCCLA 10,11,12 Booster Club 9,10,12 The Edge 12

Krystal Mendoza

Emily Mitcheltree

Abigail Muffett



Amber Murphy

International Club 11,12 FCCLA 12 Boys Basketball Manager 12 Hair/Make-up 11,12

Ross Myers

Drama 9,10,11,12 (State Officer) DECA 9,10,11,12 (State Qualifier) (International Qualifier) Tennis 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Academic Super Bowl 9,10,11 (State Qualifier) Bowling 10,11 Golf 9,10

Preston Nelson

Allison Nolan

National Honor Society 11,12 Academic English Super Bowl 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11) Science Olympiad 9,10,11 Youth Alive Bible Study 9,10,11 Drama Club 9,11



Lindsay Norrick

Chloe Norton

Tennis 11,12 Softball 9,10 International Club 9,10,12 FCCLA 9,10,12 (Vice President) Booster Club 9

Angel Nunez

➔ Seniors from Jenna Berzy's psychology class and Jenna Candiano's sociology class cheer for the Chicago White Sox on their field trip to US Cellular Field. "It was nice to spend a day out of school with my friends to watch my favorite baseball team," said senior Chloe Norton.



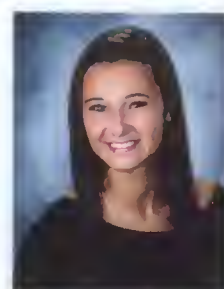
➔ During Julie Wencloff's Biology II class, senior Abbey Little investigates how the humerus cooperates with the ulna in order to get a good grade on the upcoming test. "This is my second time taking this class to graduate with academic honors. It is easier the second time," said Little.



➔ Practicing for the Thespian All-State show, *Will Power*, seniors Matthew Seiluns and Ross Myers rehearse their lines outside the auditorium building at Vincennes University. "All of our hard work really paid off. It was a really great experience to perform in front of over 800 fellow thespians," said Seiluns.



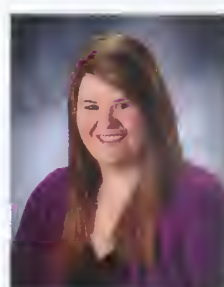
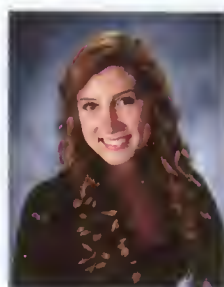
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Lindsey Osborn
Janelle Owczarzak
Soccer 9,10,11,12 Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Class Council
9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 11,12 Yearbook Staff
11,12 Prom Court 11
Alexandra Page



Ashlyn Paris
International Club 11,12 FCCLA 11
Benjamin Parish
Tyler Pena
Ashley Pinkham
FCCLA 10,11,12 Girls Track (Manager) 10 Set Crew 9
Booster Club 10,11 Yearbook 11



Chris Pirtle
Brooke Pospychala
Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Class Council 9,10,11,12 Student
Council (Vice President) 10,11,12 National Honor Society
11,12 Yearbook (Photographer) 11,12 Girls Varsity
Soccer (Captain) 9,10,11,12 Turnabout Court 10 Prom
Court 11 Homecoming Court 12
Rosie Quintanilla
Soccer 9,10,11 Track 9,10 Class Council 9,10,11, 12 Yearbook 10
11,12 Bible Study 12 Tennis 12
Kaitlin Ray





"I received a scholarship for full tuition at IUN. I plan to double major in Biology and Psychology, and work towards a degree in science. I plan to hopefully attend medical school at IUN as well. My dream is to become a surgeon. I am very interested in the field of emergency medicine. I hope that my degree will prepare me to pursue that goal."
Julia Saberniak, 12



"I developed an interest for Chemistry during my middle school science classes. I am attending IUPUI to major in Chemistry. After graduating college, I plan to begin a career in chemical research or become a biochemist. The human body intrigues me greatly ever since I was a child and I hope to create cures for deadly human diseases."
Andy Duhon, 12



➔ Seniors Thomas Kudyba, Andrew Rothchild and Anthony Carter enjoy some free time during their aide hour in Jenna Candiano's class. "Ms. Candiano is the best teacher to aide for because she lets us text our friends during our down time," said Carter.



Jamie Rex
Softball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) International Club 9,10,11,12 (Vice President 12) FCCLA 9 (Treasurer 12)
Jose Rivera
Football 9,10,11 (Captain 12) Baseball 9,10,11 Wrestling 9 Choir 9,10,11,12
Andrew Rothchild
Soccer 9,10,11 (Captain 12)
Eric Rush



Julia Saberniak
Panther Press 9,10,11 (Editor-in-Chief 12) FCCLA 9,10,11,12 National Honor Society 12 English Super Bowl 12 Stage Crew 10
Jeanette Salazar
Tennis 10,11,12 National Honor Society 11,12 Student Council 10,11 (Historian 12) Class Council 10,11,12 Booster Club 10,11 Yearbook 12
Chelsea Scofield
Marching Band 9,10 Concert Band 9,10 Pep Band 9,10 Drama 10,11,12 Yearbook 10,11 (Copy Editor 12)
Matthew Seiluns
Drama 9,10,11,12 Thespians 9,10,11,12 Tennis 10,11,12 Panther Press 11,12 Choir 9,10,11 National Honor Society 11,12



Steven Sharp
Karina Silva

Jesse Smith
Baseball 9,10,11 (Captain 12) Basketball 9,10,11
Stefanie Soy



Anna Steinhubel
Cross Country 10,11 Track 10 Yearbook 11 Set Crew 11,12
Ashley Summers



Michelle Torres
Michelle Urena
Tennis 9,10,11,12 International Club 10



Maria Valladares
Sarah Velasquez



Anna Vogel
Deziree' Walker



➔ Before trick-or-treating with their closest friends, seniors Anna Steinhubel and Alyssa Melchor apply some horrifying make-up. "Anna did a sugar skull make-up design on my face and I think she did an excellent job. This was the best Halloween I've ever had," said Melchor.



➔ Before completing the packet during Jenna Berzy's psychology class, senior Steven Sharp dissects a sheep brain in order to understand the lesson better. "I was forced to take this class so I could fill up my schedule but I'm glad I did because I enjoy the class," said Sharp.



➔ Finishing the year reading *Frankenstein* as the last novel in Lisa Megquier's English class, senior Michelle Torres states that she is glad to be finishing up her last year of school. "We are almost done and I cannot wait," said Torres.





Patrick Weber
Stacy Weber
 Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Class Council 9,10,11,12 Student Council 12 National Honor Society 11,12 International Club 10,11,12 Yearbook 10,11, (Photo Editor 12) Tennis 9,10,12 Volleyball 9 FCCLA 10
Karis White
 Choir 9,10,11 Drama 11,12
Jesse Yarnelle



Stephanie Younker
 Soccer 9,10,11,12 Class Council 9,10, (Vice President 11), (Secretary 12) Student Council 10,11,12 National Honor Society 11, (Vice President 12) Booster Club 9,10,11, 12 Math Superbowl 11,12 International Club 10,11,12 FCCLA 10,11 Choir 9,10,11
Andrew Zarndt
Sarah Zawistowski

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➔ Senior Shannon Kunka reaches into her locker in the English hallway to grab her lunch before arriving to the cafeteria during 5th/6th hour. "I am glad senior year is coming to an end so I can move on with my life and continue to college," said Kunka.

Looking back in time

Seniors share their favorite classes

Once a student has reached their senior year, they have taken a myriad of classes in different subjects with many teachers acting as their mentors. Although we all have different experiences during our regular day at Griffith High School, there are some classes that we all had the opportunity of taking. These classes might include biology I, with Julie Wencloff, or world history taught by Luann Pramuk, and economics with Jim Pickett. As students continued their journey through high school, they chose their favorite teachers and memorable classes. Seniors may have to say goodbye to their preferred teachers, classes, and fellow students but their own unique memories and experiences will always be reflected on.



Chloe Norton,12 & Vivian Haddad,12



Ryan Camp,12



Jackie Johns,12 & Sydney Lidster,12



Class of 2013 says "Goodbye GHS"

Will Bogan

"In my freshman year, I was really shy but going through into my senior year, I became more outgoing and talked to more people. Going out of high school I want to try new things and meet new people," said Bogan.

Brandon Gale

"From freshman year to senior year, I feel as if I have matured into a man. My grades have improved and I am more focused on my academics. After high school, I want to attend IUN and major in business administration," said Gale.

Jesse Smith

"If one thing is for sure, baseball has blessed me with a lot of opportunities. I am currently looking into playing college ball at three colleges, South Suburban College, IPFW, and PNC and majoring in business. Looking back though, baseball allowed me to improve as an individual and learn from the upperclassmen that were before me. I've matured and accomplished many of my goals, such as team MVP and 2nd team all area and conference," said Smith.

Katie Oros

"Most people don't know that I absolutely love my job at Pet Smart. I feel that having a job since my freshman year has allowed me to meet more people and open myself up to new activities. Most importantly though, I am not as bad as a kid as people make me out to be. After high school, I am attending Ivy Tech and possibly majoring in management or human sciences so I can eventually be at the top of the ladder at Pet Smart," said Oros.

Jackie Morales

"Most people know me for being involved in wheelchair basketball. My team has accomplished so much and just recently we placed first in Conference. Looking back on myself, I feel that I have met an array of people and I am more willing to talk to them compared to before. Following graduation, I plan on going to Ivy Tech for a few years and hopefully transferring later on," said Morales.

Maegan Glass

"Joining drama has influenced my school years more than I could have ever imagined. I have become more outgoing and loud but I also have found more confidence and became comfortable with who I am. After high school, I plan on majoring in theater at IUN and eventually transferring to Ball State in the future," said Glass.

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Jake Loomis

"Hockey has been one of my main focuses throughout high school. My hard work has paid off and I am currently talking to a college hockey coach at Aurora University. I have improved by increasing the number of assists and goals I have obtained throughout the season from one goal and three assists freshman year to five goals and sixteen assists senior year," said Loomis.

Abbie Muffett

"Dancing has always meant so much to me and luckily, after high school, I am going to Disney and dancing for the amusement park as Tinkerbell. I also plan on auditioning for other dancing roles while I am there. Besides dancing, my grades have improved and I am looking forward to graduating with an Academic Honors diploma," said Muffett.

Ryan Camp

"Looking back on my four years of high school, I have improved on my academics from my freshman year. Also my focus on wrestling improved a great amount and I accomplished my goal of going to semi-state for wrestling. All in all, it was a great four years but I am looking forward to attending college at IUN and majoring in physical therapy," said Camp.

Joey Armstrong

"In my eyes, high school enabled me to change. I wasn't confident with myself and Jack Kessey helped change that. I lost a total of 117 pounds and I don't plan on giving up just yet. This change allowed me to gain self confidence and be happy with who I am. Also, I have more confidence graduating high school and starting my education at Purdue Calumet," said Armstrong.

Patrick Bolda

"Many people do not know much about me besides the fact that I swim. Throughout freshman year I was one of those lazy students, but fortunately for me I have improved and care about my work a great deal more. Also, within my freshman year of swimming, I was rookie of the year and this year I went to Sectionals for all of my events. After high school, I plan to attend Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio and major in sports management," said Bolda.

Beathriz Acevedo
Ashley Adams
Christian Adams
Chandler Adkins
Alicia Aguirre
Tyiona Allen



Breanna Ally
Robert Ally
Jasmine Alvarez
Michael Alvarez
London Andrew
Ashley Arndt



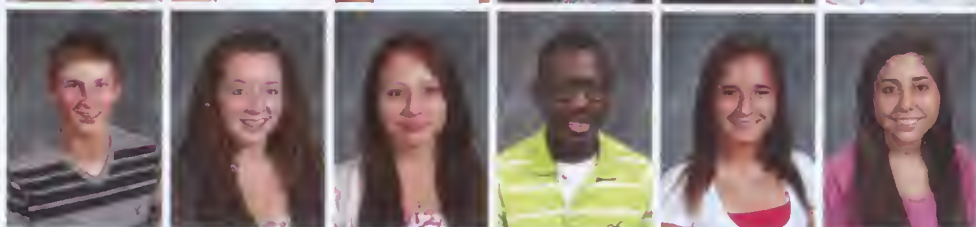
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Jessica Bahena-Alvarez
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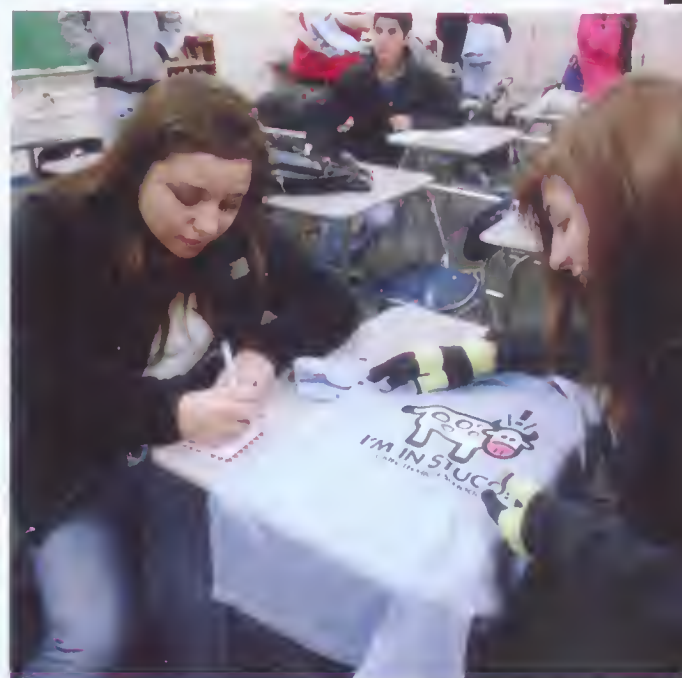
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Lauren Bytnar
Lisa Calvillo
Teron Carey
Yadira Castellanos
Sydney Chapa



➔ While aiding for Brenda Bonewits, attendance secretary, junior Bobbi Davis stops at her locker to get some books. "I like helping Mrs. Bonewits deliver things and being able to walk around the school instead of being in class," said Davis.



➔ Sitting down during sixth period lunch, junior Sarah Koliboski enjoys being with her friends and relaxing. "I get a break from my classes and sixth period is the best lunch time," said Koliboski.



➔ Helping with Student Council activities, junior Erica Yost enjoys discussing ideas and attending meetings. "Student Council is definitely enjoyable and a great way to get involved in school activities," Yost said.



Andres Chavez
Jacquelyn Chavez
Daniele Cimmino
Matthew Colomes



Arnetia Commings
Matthew Cooper
Alexys Corona
Corianne Cox



Antonio Crespo
Antonio Crespo
Matthew Csonka



➔ In J.R. Ford's foreign language class, junior Matt Colomes works on a group project involving newspaper articles. "I like to work in groups for projects. There are more minds and more ideas that are discussed," said Colomes.

➔ "I like to create things and see how they turn out when I'm finished," said junior Jawhara Haddad while working in ceramics class. "I was making a pot that day just to be busy," said Haddad.

Juniors advice to the underclassmen



"Be sure to stay on your teacher's good side."
De'shon Roberson, 11



"Have fun and don't slack off. It will all work out in the long run."
Megan Garcia, 11



"Do your homework and actually try because it does matter."
Lauren Hernandez, 11



"Try a few sports your first year and find the one you love."
Cornelius Jemison, 11



➔ While in her Ivy Tech class during first and second hour, junior Samantha Fuller studies during her free time. "Junior year has been a great year for me and the best year by far. I am so grateful for my great friends, family and boyfriend," said Fuller.

Jody Cunningham
Joseph Dalton
Bobbi Davis
Levi Degand
Ezekiel Del Val
Michael Delpino

Logan Denny
Jenna Derolf
Brandon Dickey
Daniel Dittrich
Chameika Dorsey
Tyler Douglas

Vid Dragutinovic
Kristen Drozd
Emily Duhon
Ryan Dunlap
Tyler Dunlap
Brandon Dyer



Talking with junior Melissa Vieyra

When is your birthday? July 10, 1995

What is your favorite hobby? Photography and scrapbooking

Favorite memory? Sophomore geometry class

Hardest subject in school? Science

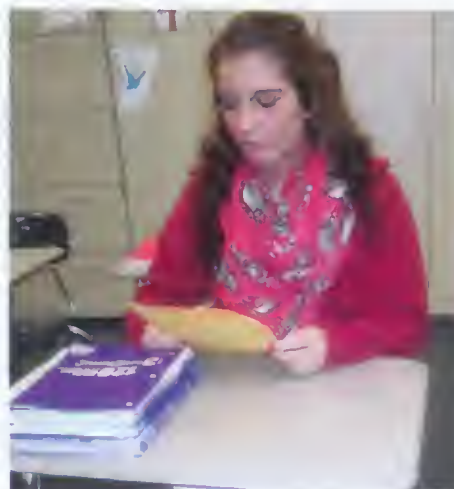
Favorite color? Pink

What do you want to accomplish in life?

Go to college and major in something important such as medicine or business with a minor in photography

Favorite weekend plans?

Hanging out with her boyfriend, bowling, and going to the movies



➔ Just sitting around, junior Madison Kent talks to junior Brandon Dyer, in J.R. Ford's Spanish class. "I wasn't doing my work at the time or paying attention so I figured I would just talk to Brandon," said Kent.

➔ While in J.P. Schroeder's speech class, junior Monica Gonzales prepares for her speech. "My favorite part about this class is that it helps me prepare for future interviews. I also like that everyone has a great time with this class," said Gonzales.

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Chance Edwards
Ricardo Esquivel
Zane Fassoth
Andrew Felde
Todd Fenell
Sara Fisch

Gwendolyn Freeman
Samantha Fuller
Guadalupe Gamino
Shelby Gannon
Brandon Garcia
Megan Garcia

Sarah Gates
Madeline Gee
Angela Genovese
Brandi Gerber
Robert Gillam
Monica Gonzales

Carlos Gonzalez
Ramon Gonzalez
Sergio Gonzalez
Kyle Gordon
Justin Green
Taryn Grin

Jawhara Haddad
Jeannie Hall
Olivia Hamm
Brooke Haney
Stephanie Harpst
Shannon Hawkins



➔ For this lab in Lynn Roades's cooking class, junior Logan Denny prepares to make cake pops. "I really wanted to learn how to cook so I am glad I took this class. It definitely helped a lot," said Denny.



➔ After finishing their geometry lesson for the day in Teresa Carstensen's class, juniors Tyler Lipski, Tyler Palinca, John Baccino and Connor McCabe move seats and talk. "I was telling jokes to the guys," said Lipski.



➔ Quietly completing a homework assignment, junior Sara Fisch sits in her pre-calculus honors class taught by Christine Chidichimo. "It's a difficult class, but it can be fun. I don't like doing the homework though," said Fisch.

➔ In sixth period lunch with a group of friends, junior Kyle Koble sits and talks instead of eating. "I really like the group of guys that I sit with at lunch. We have a good time talking. There's never a dull moment at our table. I'm always laughing," said Koble.

➔ Taking notes in Shelia Vaclavik's English class, junior Dakota Broelmann tries to understand the story. "I'm not very good at comprehending literature so I have to pay attention when she goes over stories so I know what I'm doing," said Broelmann.



➔ To improve her soccer skills, junior Yadira Castellanos works on ball control by dribbling. "At the beginning of practice we work on fundamental drills to get better at doing the little things that would be really important in a game," said Castellanos.



Marquise Henry
Lauren Hernandez
Sydney Hilbrich
George Hudiczius
Shelby Ingbreton
Joseph Jacinto
Rico James

Cornelius Jemison
Tyrus Jenkins
Isaiah Jimenez
Deanna Johanson
Erick Johnson
Kila Johnson
Airrick Jones

Cecily Jones
Sara Joyce
Cameron Kegebein
Madison Kent
Celestine Keys
Abigail Kik
Joshua Kime





Victoria Mares
Aaron Martinez

Sasha King
Kyle Koble
Sarah Koliboski
Allyson Krajnak
James Kuhn
Courtney Laviolette
Kennedy Laviolette

Nicole Lear
Kati LeBrun
Andrea Leon
Dana Lesniewski
Rodney Lewis
Simmone Lipscomb
Tyler Lipski

Nickolas Long
Jared Lowe
Ramon Luevano
Jonathan Madrigal
Brooke Maglish
Kamille Manning
Kyla Manning

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What's on the juniors' playlist?



Andrew Felde's Top 5 Songs:

1. "Sleepy Head" - Passion Pit
2. "Young Folks" - Peter Dinklage & John
3. "Broken Jaw" - Foster the People
4. "Closer" - Tegan & Sara
5. "Smells Like Teen Spirit" - Nirvana



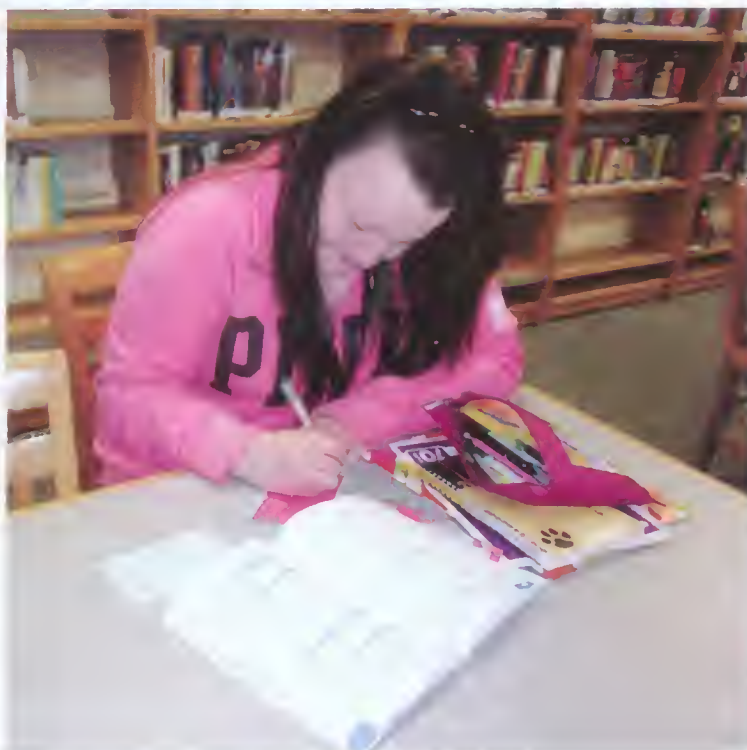
Andres Chaves's Top 5 Songs:

1. "Phoenix" - ASAP Rocky
2. "Slow It Down" - The Lumineers
3. "Lithium" - Nirvana
4. "1979" - The Smashing Pumpkins
5. "Ghetto Symphony" - ASAP Rocky

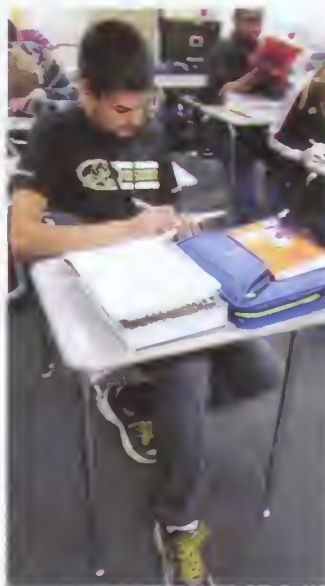


Taryn Grin's Top 5 Songs:

1. "Let It Be" - The Beatles
2. "Wish You Were Here" - Pink Floyd
3. "The End" - The Doors
4. "I Miss You" - Blink 182
5. "Video Games" - Lana Del Rey

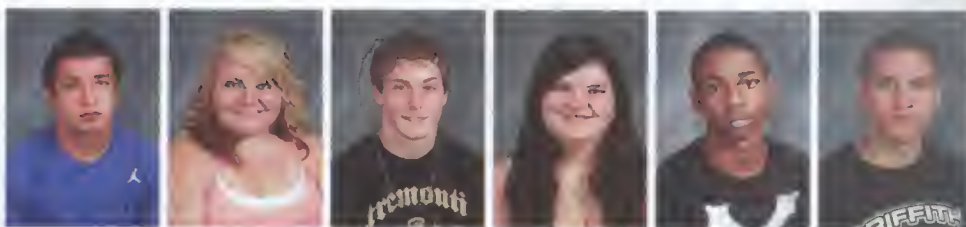


→ Doing her work in the library, junior Stephanie Harpst works on a vocabulary assignment. "I go to the library to get my homework done because it's quiet and I'm able to work without any distractions," said Harpst.



→ Doodling in Shelia Vaclavik's English class, junior Steven Paprocki draws a picture instead of working on his assignment. "I space out a lot in class. I hate when I get called on because I'm usually not paying attention or doing what I'm supposed to," said Paprocki.

Luis Martinez
 Jessie Mazzone
 Connor McCabe
 Julie McCarthy
 Jarome McCullough
 Aaron Metz



Kaitlyn Meyer
 David Miranda
 Malik Mitchell
 Samantha Monko
 Destiny Moore
 Shakyra Moore



Terrance Morgan
 Alec Moseley
 Courtney Muller
 Christian Muniz
 Sirena Nieves
 Chad Noldin



Paige Obermeyer
 Tristin Olsen
 Katherine Ortosky
 Timothy Orzelski
 Tyler Palinca
 Steven Paprocki



Slacking Off

Class Clown Memories



"Everyday in Mrs. Naranjo's class, I would hide in the cabinet during attendance, and jump out and yell, 'I'm here!'"

Brian Stinnett, 11

"Teachers usually think I'm quiet in class, but there's a lot of things I say that usually go unheard. I know how to stay out of trouble."

Deanna Johanson, 11



"There is not a day in English class that Michael Delpino and I don't mess around in Mrs. Vaclavik's class. It's always a good time when we are together."

Nick Scally, 11



➔ Working together on a worksheet in psychology, juniors Sarah Koli-boski and Paige Obermeyer use each other to get their work done. "Partner work makes things so much easier, especially when you work with someone who does their job," said Obermeyer.

➔ Doing group work in Biology II, juniors Aleia Smith and Breanna Sanchez finish their lab. "Bio II is a lot of work and takes up a lot of my time. There's a lot of homework in this class," said Smith.



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Andrew Pelot
Rebecca Perez
Mark Plawecki
Flint Powell
Marissa Ramirez
Cassandra Rardin

Marisa Rios
Deshon Roberson
Rebecca Roberts
Keith Robinson
Skye Robinson
Alex Rodriguez

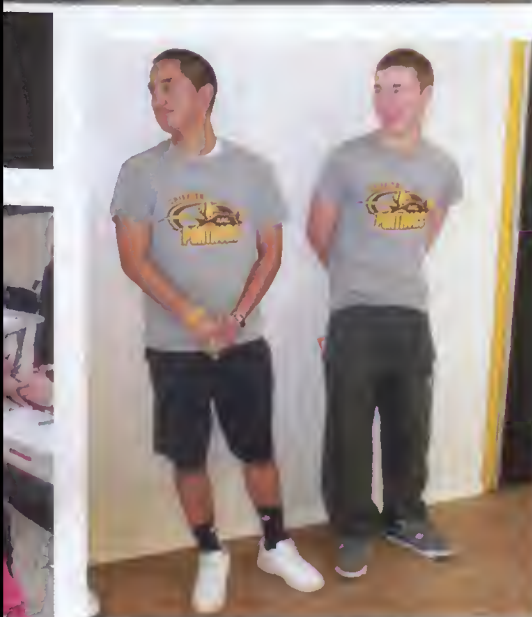
Lisette Roldan
Cassandra Root
Eric Rush
Breanna Sanchez
Kaylynn Sanders
Rosio Sandoval

➔ Gossiping in the hallway before lunch, juniors Lauren Hernandez and Daniele Cimmino catch up on each others' days. "Lunch is the best because I get to sit with my friends, talk about things, and catch up on all my homework," said Cimmino.

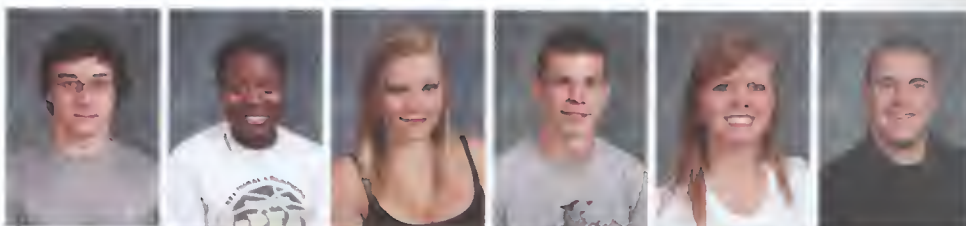
➔ While in Concert Choir II, juniors Destiny Moore and Jenna DeRolf sing in the alto section. "I am excited for the concert in May because we will be able to sing 'Bohemian Rhapsody,'" said Moore.



➔ Waiting for APC to start, juniors Brandon Garcia and Chirstian Adams talk before going into the weight room. "I love having APC right before lunch because I don't have to rush to get to a class," said Adams.



Nicholas Scally
Camesha Scheeringa
Jeanne Scheffel
David Schell
Brienna Schramm
Dion Seiluns



Alexis Singer
Aleia Smith
Luke Smith
Ross Smith
Victoria Smith
Emily Solar



Karley Spriggs
Robert Stack
Kevin Stevens
Brian Stinnett
Adonnes Stone
Brittany Takacs



Carlos Teller
Terrence Tompkins
Thomas Tompkins
Aaron Tonkovich
Tessa Trueblood
Emily Turtle



➔ Making a 6-8" cylinder, junior Brandon Garcia sits at the wheel in Jim Craft's art class. This was during a second semester ceramics class. He plans on giving this one to his grandma. "I enjoy seeing the smile on my grandma's face when I give her my work," said Garcia.

➔ Junior Madeline Goe attempts to finish her geometry homework during J.P. Schroeder's speech class. "Schroeder makes speech much more simple to understand than if I took the college course. He has a good sense of humor too," said Goe.





Alexander Vanpelt
Sabrina Vanwhite
Alana Vega
Devin Vestal
Melissa Vieyra
Andrea Vo

Sarah Vrabely
Jacy Vuckovich
Cameron Walker
Da'Shauna Walker
Brandon White
Nicholas Wilson

Cole Wimmer
Jaclyn Witzke
Erica Yost
James Zuniga
Megan Zurawski

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➔ During the snowstorm at the beginning of March, juniors Rebecca Perez and Flint Powell clean snow off of Perez's car. "Luckily Flint was willing to help me clean my car off so I could leave school quicker," said Perez.

➔ While at lunch, junior Demario Streeter eagerly waits in line to purchase his food, a slice of pizza and some peaches. Streeter eats lunch and catches up with his friends in the cafeteria. "I really enjoy sitting with my friends at lunch," said Streeter.



➔ How did you meet your bf/gf?



"We met in seventh grade on MySpace before I moved to Griffith. Shortly after I began attending GHS, we became very close friends. During sophomore year, he decided to finally ask me out but one thing was wrong: he asked me through a text! I told him he had to ask me formally in person to hear my answer. We have been dating ever since and have loved every second of it."

- Cecil Jones, 11.



"During our eighth grade year, we met each other in honors English class. Later that year, I found out she lived across the street! We became very good friends and made the decision to start dating. I have loved every single second of it. We have been dating for two amazing years and I hope to spend many more with her."

Cameron Kegebein, 11.

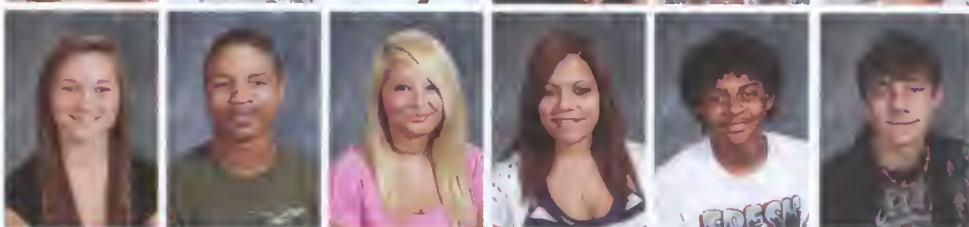
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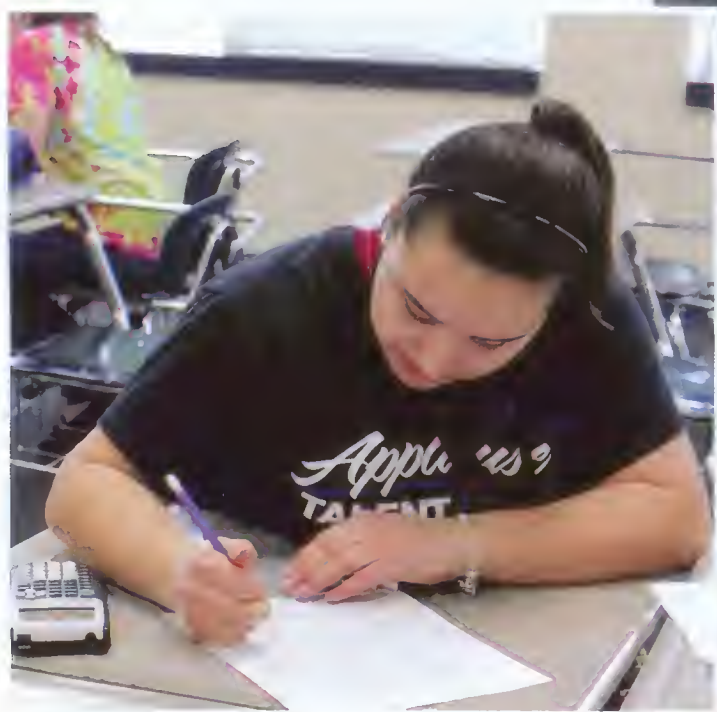


Courtney Bell
Mykel Bell
Jenna Bellamy
Lisa Berrios
Joshua Blacine
Michael Blair



➔ "Music is my passion and I play piano whenever I can. I own two guitars that I like to play during my free time or when I'm feeling down. I plan to keep playing my instruments," said sophomore Maurice Branch, while practicing at drama practice.

➔ Sitting in her Algebra II Honors class with Christine Chidichimo, sophomore Savannah Sammons works on her assignment. "I find the class pretty easy. Sometimes I wish all my classes were like that. It would make the classes a lot easier to pass," said Sammons.





Michael Bodnar
Torry Boone
Jared Braddam
Maurice Branch
Tina Brantley
Tiana Brewer



Aaron Brown
Anthony Brown
Brittany Burbridge
Savanna Burge
Chad Campbell
Rebecca Carpenter



Brianna Carter
Da'Jon Carter
Danya Carter
Alicia Casares
Sarah Cavazos
Melissa Chiaro



Austin Christenberry
Dazanae Cooper
Joshua Crespo
Lisa Dabney

Reba Hart, 10

"If I had to describe myself, I would say that I'm energetic and easily excited. Friends and family are the most important things, and I feel that loyalty goes a long way."



Who are
you now

Crazy

Loud

Weird

Funny

Awkward



➔ Getting ready for their test, sophomores Damenna Williams and Miranda Robertson study in Jenna Candiano's World History class. "I find history really interesting. I feel that if we learn from the past, then maybe we can prevent problems in the future," said Williams.

➔ Sitting together at their lunch table, sophomores Becky Gong and Kristi Grumbles discuss the assignment in Spanish and future weekend plans. "We're always joking around at lunch. It's my favorite part of the school day," said Grumbles.



Favorite Memory...



"My favorite memory at GHS is without a doubt, the 2011 Homecoming. The Big Apple was one of the best themes of my high school career."

Tommy Plesch, 10



"My favorite moment this year was when my class went all 'Frozen Mob' and everyone acted frozen as Mr. Howell walked in. It was hilarious to me."

Jonathan Adams, 10

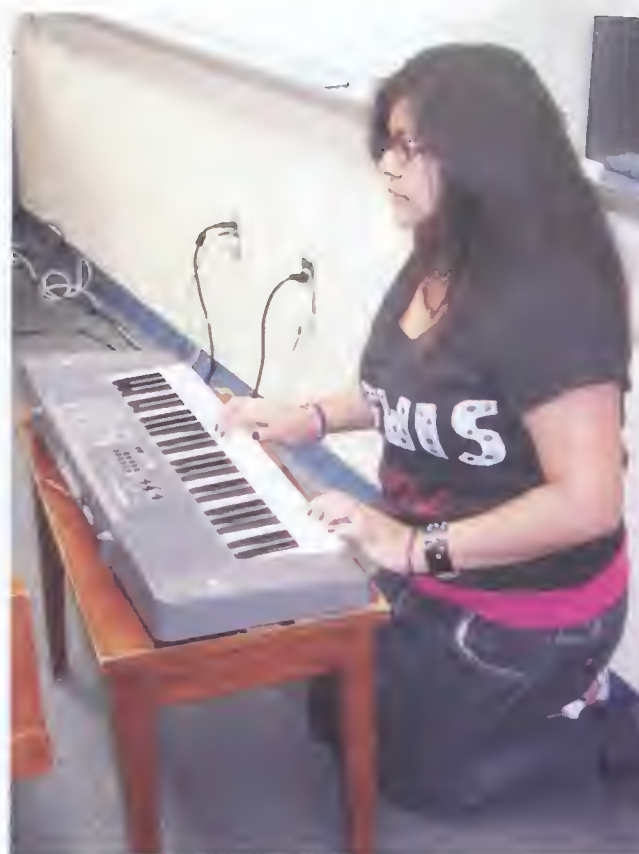
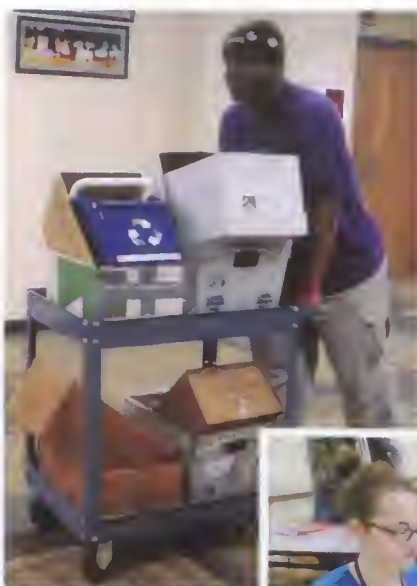


"One of my friends and I started singing the Pokemon theme song in the hallways once. It was one of the funniest things to ever happen in these halls."

Alicia Baker, 10

➔ "Electronic music was a good class for me because it helped me to further develop my musical talents and note reading. Another thing I liked about the class was the friends I had in the class," said sophomore Jocelyn Serna about Debbie Korak's class.

➔ Taking out the recycling for DECA, sophomore Elijah Pierce reflects on the responsibility. "I enjoy helping out around the school. If we don't, who will, right?" said Pierce. The Griffith High School DECA club takes out the recyclables every Friday.



➔ Working on the packet for Jack Gabor's health class, sophomores Victoria Longoria, Tyberious Carter, and Alana Swopes work together to get the answers. "My friends and I enjoy working together in class because we tend to get the assignment done faster," said Swopes.

Reanna Danielewicz
Janna Darnell-Mendez
Michael Darrough
Julia Davies
Annaliese Dawes
Anita DeBerry

Zachary Diamond
Jordan Dillon
Sarah Dodson
Michael Douglas
Alyssa Drozd
Taylor Dunagan

Kiki Dunn
Noah Duvnjak
Kaitlyn Edwards
Tyneah Ellis
Danielle Falkner
Cedric Fassoth





➔ "I had never dissected a sheep brain before, but I have to say, it was kind of interesting to see all the parts. It was my favorite class this semester," said sophomore Madison Watts in her second hour Psychology class with Jenna Berzy.

➔ Sitting in Kay Orzechowicz's English class, sophomores Franceen Dybel and Reba Hart help each other with the assignment. "I love English class with Mrs. O. She makes it easier to understand whatever we're learning," said Dybel.



Patricia Felton
Hunter Fleming
Alex Fowle
Alec Fowler
Geoffrey Fullilove
Alexander Garcia

Jesse Gates
Sara Gatlin
Meghan Geary
Dejah George
JaCoby Gibson
Becky Gong

Chelsea Gonzales
Catie Gregor
Kassidy Grumbles
Kristi Grumbles
Leif Gulbransen
Savannah Gutierrez

Connor Guzior
Mathew Harrison
Reba Hart
Robert Hernandez

Emily Herron
Amber Holley
Samantha Hom
Adam Hoover
Anwar Issa
Banesa Jaimez-Garcia



Katie James
David Jancosek
Bj Jarrells
Alexis Johnson
Marcus Johnson
Nicholas Johnson



Samantha Johnson
Taylor Jones
Brittany Kealey
Alexander Kepchar
Ryan Kong
Rhiannon Kozy



Cody Labicki
Kayla LaBuda
Edward Land
Jevontae Lane
Annika Lanting
Jessica Leslie



Kyle Little
Marissa Lopez
Dylan Lounges
Jocelyn Lujen
Madison Lynch
Roosevelt Madison



➔ Sophomore Shania White tapes down the court before volleyball practice starts. "I love all the girls and coaches, because they're interesting to be around," said White. White has been playing volleyball since she was ten years old and plans to play in college.

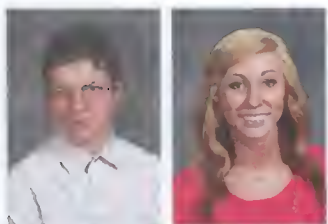


➔ Concentrating on her art project, sophomore Emily Herron fixes the measurements needed to make her project perfect. "Art is something I can express myself in; it's enjoyable," said Herron.



➔ Still being able to hang out with friends, sophomores Antonio Mahoi, Nathan Szabo, and Cristian Anaya help each other with Jenna Candiano's history worksheet. "We mostly just take notes in class so I like being able to still talk to my friends," said Anaya.

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Robert Malone
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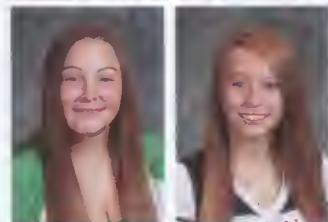
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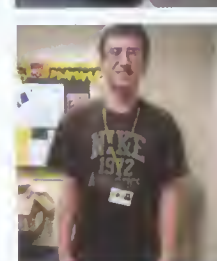
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Emily Matson



Lauren Maynard
Samantha McNeiley

Recap of sophomore moments...

Throughout the year the sophomore students have had a lot of memories to look back on. Many of the memories are from the big events like the Homecoming pep rally, dances, or even being on DECA or drama. "This year I've grown a lot as a person and learned new things that helped me become who I am now," said sophomore Terra Martin. Other students like sophomore Katie James have different memories. "This is my first year in drama so I'm still getting used to everything. I love drama, it's helped me a lot to open up and be myself," said James. Being a part of any kind of team is a great way to get connected with other students from the school and make new friends. "I love hanging out with my friends on weekends and going to parties," said sophomore Adam Hoover. Some students even join an extra curriculum like DECA to get more into business. It also looks good on college applications. "I'm extremely excited to go to state this year for DECA. We're going there to compete, be awesome and eat amazing omelettes during our free time," said freshman Alec Fowler.



➔ Working together, sophomores Rebecca Carpenter, Kennedy Baltus, and Melissa Chiaro work all hour to finish their assignment in Algebra II Honors. "Math is one of my best subjects but I like when I work in a group, so I get done with the assignment faster," said Chiaro.

➔ While catching up from the weekend, sophomores Savannah Sammons and Emily Morrison talk before class starts. "Savannah and I really don't get to hangout that much so we talk as much as we can in school," said Morrison.

Student Life

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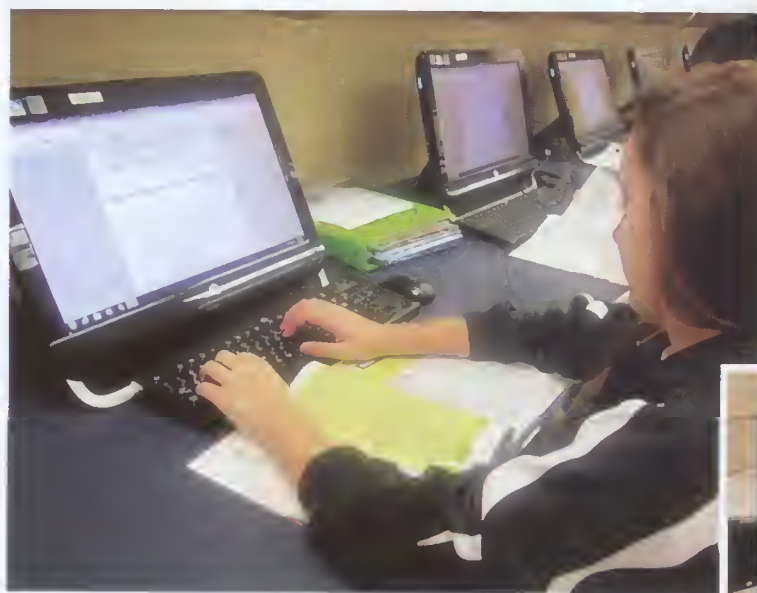
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➔ Kay Orzechowicz's sophomore English class relaxes for the day before preparing for a test. "Mrs. O's class isn't difficult, but I still like the days when we get to relax before a test," said sophomore Rodolfo Quintanilla.

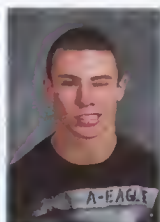
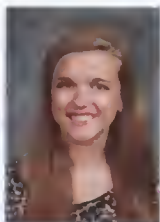
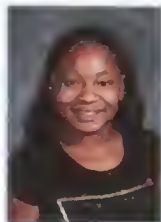


➔ Before heading to class, sophomores Christy Slagle and Elizabeth Morikis talk about the weekend they both had. "I have almost every class with Elizabeth, so I see her a lot," said Slagle. Slagle and Morikis have been friends since middle school.

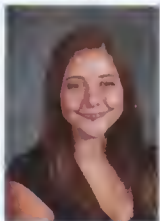
➔ Engaged in finishing her review, Brianna Carter hurries to study for her test. "It's a pretty easy class so I don't have a problem understanding the material." Carter likes to work with computers, but this is the first computer class she has taken.



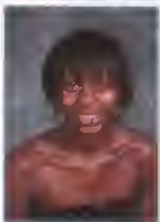
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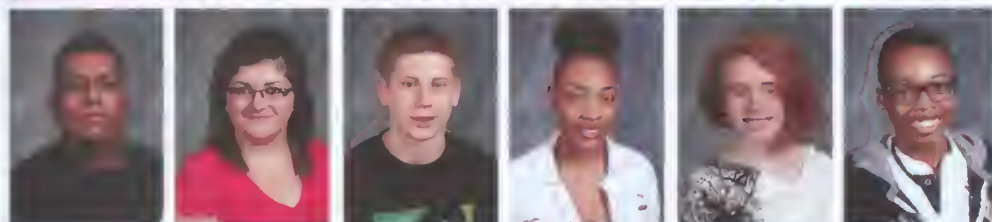


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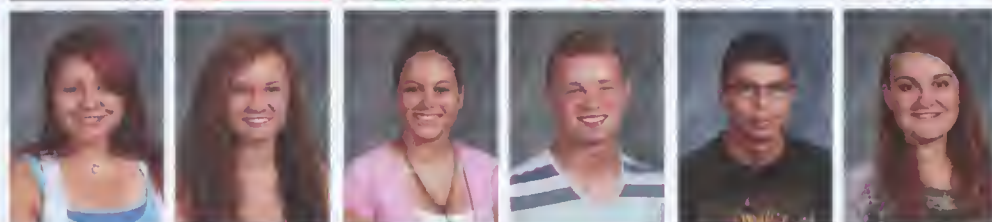




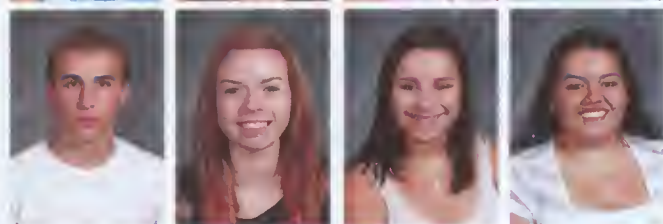
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Benjamin Russell
Caroline Rutherford
Savannah Sammons
Brianna Sanchez

Looking forward to junior year..?



"The one thing that I'm looking forward to for junior year is Prom and the fact that I'm one year closer to graduating high school."

Sarah Balboa, 10

"I'm looking forward to getting better grades and I'm hoping that the dress code doesn't have anymore changes."

Ryan Zuklin, 10



"For junior year, I'm excited about volleyball and getting further in that and getting ready for college."

Hannah Miller, 10



→ Doing notes in Jenna Candiano's history class, sophomores Taylor Strauch and Justin Villalobos sit together and listen to music. "Every time I work or exercise I always have to have music on. It helps me relax," said Strauch.

→ Sophomore Danielle Suboh studies hard in the hall. "I like working in the hallway because I can focus more and get more done; math is my hardest subject so going in the hallway is more quiet than being in class," said Suboh.



Kaley Sarwacinski
Rebecca Schnoor
Kayla Scott
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Seth Shepard
Nathyn Sierra



Travis Skarzynski
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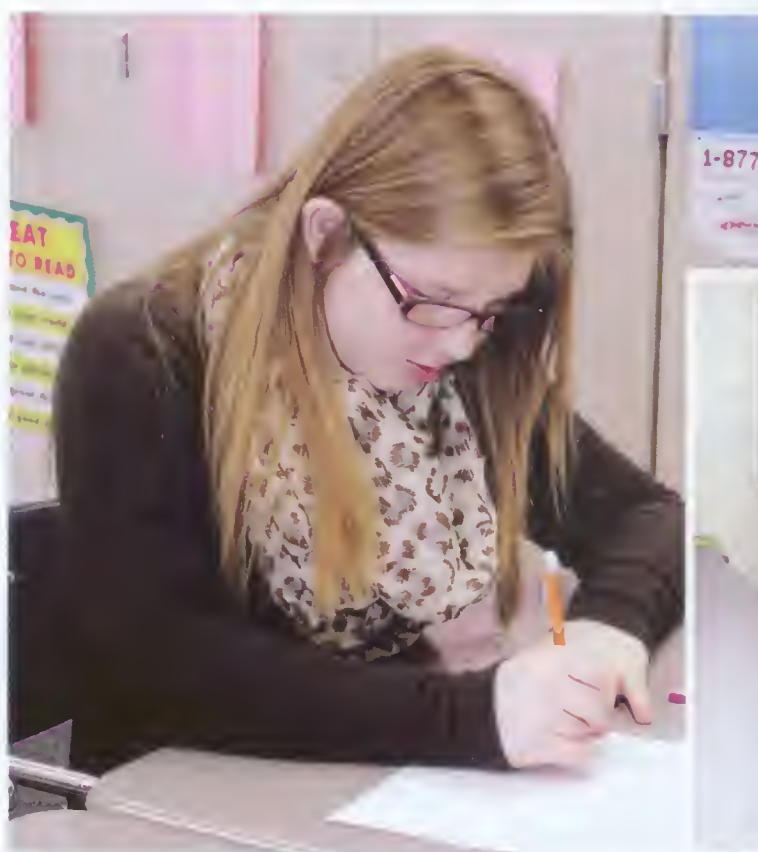


Trevor Steffan
Amanda Stelk
Porsha Stone
Taylor Strauch
Antonio Suarez
Alana Swopes



➔ During her passing period, sophomore Lisa Dabney laughs with her friend junior Arnetia Cummings. "As we are working our way to lunch after our class together, we enjoy the time we have to talk and catch up with friends," said Dabney.

➔ Sophomore Rebecca Carpenter tries to understand the new concept introduced in her Algebra II honors lesson. "During class, I always try to pay attention to the best of my abilities. When I pay attention, it's always pretty easy to understand," said Carpenter.



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Shelby Winchester
Ryan Zuklin

Nathan Szabo
Brett Tauber
Joshua Terzari
Victoria Traicoff
Logan Ulrich
John Uylaki

Courtney Valentas
Jairo Vazquez
Justin Villalobos
Celeste Villarruel
Chelsea Waddell
Kourtney Washick

Charriyah Weatherspoon
Shania White
Ty White
Adrian Williams
Hombra Williams
Kevin Wilson

Alexander Kepchar

Alexander Kepchar keeps himself occupied throughout the entire year. His athletic season begins in the summer, conditioning with the football team. As the season starts, so does the school year. An intelligent student, Kepchar keeps his 4.28 GPA while still participating in Griffith athletics and activities. When the football season ends, Kepchar prepares himself for the upcoming wrestling season in the winter. "Wrestling is everything to me. Once I participated in the sport, I realized I loved every second of it," said Kepchar. Throughout the year, Kepchar also participates in drama and DECA. "In drama, everyone is close like a family and I can't imagine graduating and being unable to participate," he explained. While preparing for the upcoming spring play, Kepchar also takes time to participate in track in order to stay in shape before the next football season.



➔ Sitting in Jack Gabor's health class, sophomores Josiah Hernandez and Gilbert Rangel talk during their free time before the end of class. "We're always glad when we have enough free time to catch up on stories about everything," said Hernandez.

➔ Sophomore Jordan Mull partners up with his classmate sophomore Brian Smith to work on a biology assignment. "We seem to always have a lot of make-up work to do, so we work together on all of our assignments to understand each the best we can," said Mull.



➔ Working out during baseball practice, sophomore Seth Shepard conditions for the upcoming season. "Doing this workout helps condition my back and arm muscles, which are essential muscles for the baseball season," said Shepard.

➔ Freshman Melanie Turner patiently waits to purchase her lunch. "I love to eat, so lunch is my favorite hour of the day. My best friends and boyfriend have the same lunch as me so I really enjoy it," said Turner.

Fears of Freshman Year

1. GRADES AND CREDITS

"I'm afraid that I won't get all my credits and fail. School and grades are important to me."

Seth Meece, 9



2. SPORTS

"I was scared that I wouldn't be good enough to make a spot on the football team."

Bo Sanders, 9



3. GRADES

"I biggest fear is loosing my close friends. People always change a lot in high school."

Jasmine Lopez, 9



Alejandra Acevedo
Jacob Adams
Rachel Adams
Andrea Aguilar
Marc Alvarez
Abby Anderson

Deshawn Anderson
Daniella Ayala
Mia Barnes
Jillian Beaupain
Christian Benjamin
Thomas Biancardi

Tony Boone
Andrew Bowman
Bethany Brucer
Brian Brzycki
Mitchell Burk
Jaivionne Calvert



➔ Freshman Zach Thomas concentrates on his sketch in Pat Sadler's sixth hour class. "I think this class has really advanced my drawing skills. I'm glad I chose to take it this year," said Thomas.

➔ Freshman Brandon Collett prepares for the pie eating contest at the pep rally. "I was nervous being in front of everyone, but it's one of my favorite high school memories so far," said Collett.



Timothy Cichon
Miranda Cocco
Nathaniel Coglianese
Brandon Collett
Kersten Collins

Alexandria Colomes
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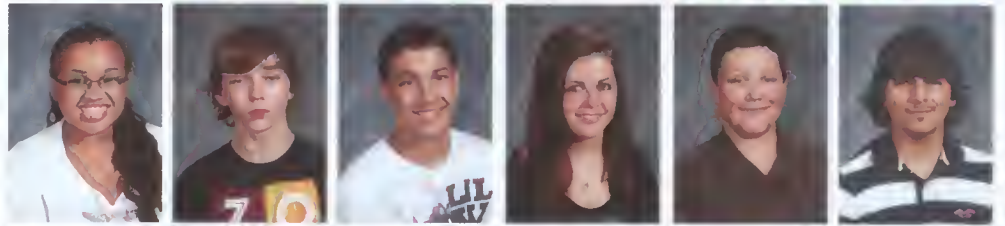
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Victoria Ford
Mariah Fowler



Darian Freda
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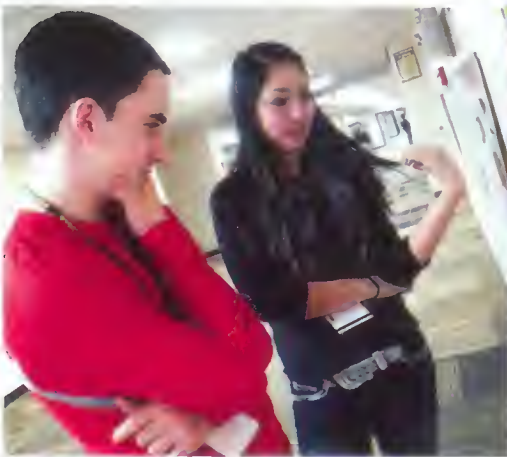


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Dominique Hamm
Deandra Hannsberry



➔ Chatting with friends during lunch, freshman Marissa Perez gets a good laugh from her friend freshman Lauren Kovacic. "Lauren was laughing, and whenever she laughs, so do I," said Perez.

➔ "I was teaching Lauren about African penguins," said freshman Greg Copp as he and freshman Lauren Vieyra were exploring different posters throughout the science hallways. "We both enjoy learning together," said Vieyra.



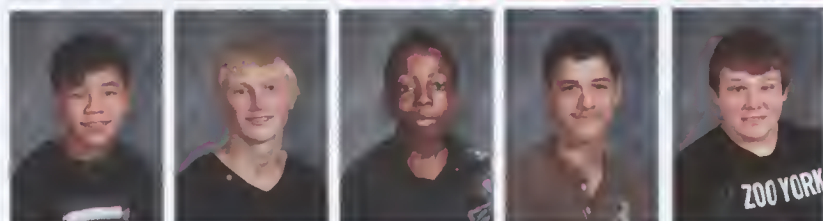
➔ Before heading to class, freshmen Alicia James, Charelle Williams, and Portia Morris exchange a few words during passing period. "We were planning what to do after school," said James.



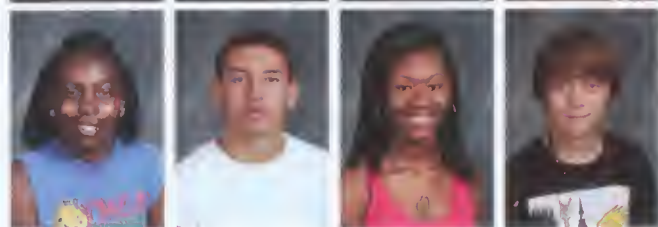
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Riley Hendron



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Sidney Hero
Thao Hoang
Kody Hoes
Victoria Holtzer



David Hom
Cory Horton
Aldrick Hughes
Sammy Issa
Drew Jackson



Alicia James
Alfonso Jeronimo
Elana Jones
Corey Josephson

➔ Mixing batter to make delicious chocolate chip muffins, freshmen Arylne Corona and Camryn Linders are eager to start baking. "I enjoy this class because a lot of my friends are in it and I think it will help me in the future," said Linders.



What do you want to accomplish?

"I would like to make my girlfriend, Gabriella, happy, make new friends, and do well in basketball."

Enrique Nunez, 9



"I want to get my GPA higher and stay on the honor roll throughout the whole year."

Elana Jones, 9



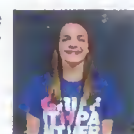
"I would like to keep my GPA of 4.0 and pass all my honor classes."

Jacob Adams, 9



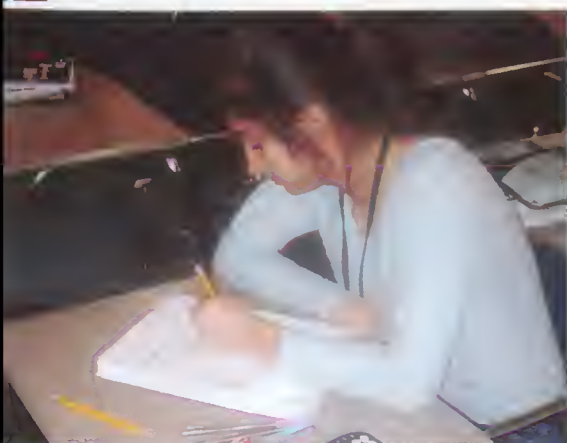
"I want to win state for Pantherettes."

Rachel Adams, 9



➔ Catching up on cell division, freshman Lauren Vieyra, Josh Zoran, Blake Megquier, and Collin Sutton work on a mitosis/meiosis worksheet. "Biology is hard but you can't just do enough to get by, you need to remember that grades are important," said Sutton.

➔ Working on a sketch during personal finance class for drawing class, freshman Diane Torres works hard to get an A on it. "I was drawing a dalmation floating," said Torres, "I love to make my imagination alive."



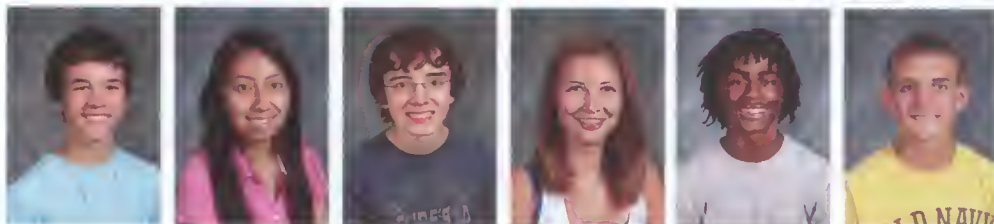
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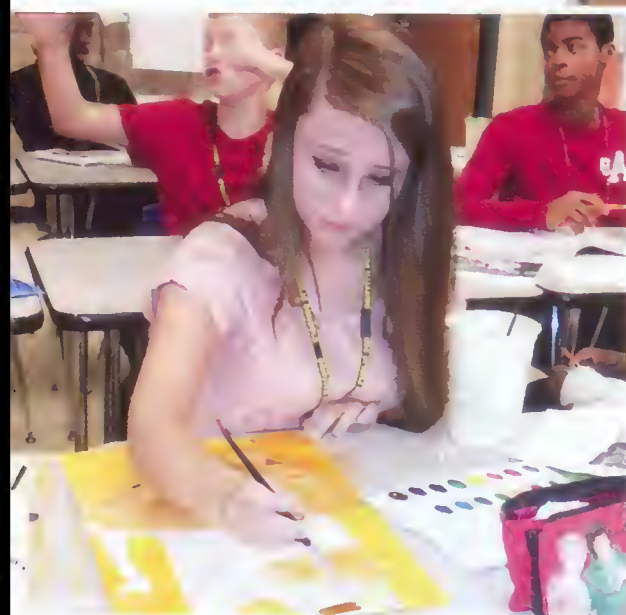
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Reginald Lipscomb
Jared Lipski



➔ Sitting in JP Schroeder's English class, freshman Caroline Loughren reads the novel "Great Expectations." "I actually really enjoyed reading this book and it inspired me to possibly become a blacksmith after high school," said Loughren.



➔ Freshman Karli Taylor paints a picture for a friend in Pat Sadler's, art, first hour class. "It's a pretty easy class because I really enjoy drawing and painting. I'm just glad I'm in it with my friends," said Taylor.



➔ Freshman Jordan Galindo begins his complicated assignment of drawing a bird on the Willis Tower in Pat Sadler's, art, sixth hour class. "It's my favorite elective even though I'm not that confident in my drawing skills," said Galindo.

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Freshman Fun Facts

Alex Say



Hobbies? "Call of Duty"

Favorite band and song? "So Far Away" by Avenged 7x

Fear? No more Ramon noodles

"I don't do a lot except eat, play video games, and relax with my friends. Those are just my favorite things to do"

Connor Pascoe



Hobbies? Baseball

Favorite band and song? "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay

Fear? Spiders

"To me I feel that teamwork is everything and this is something that I live by especially in the game of baseball."

Mariah Jackson



Hobbies? Drawing

Favorite band and song? "Va Voom" by Nicki Minaj

Fear? Big nasty spiders

"I have a sketch book that I've filled up with a lot of doodles and drawings that are unique to most people."

➔ Freshman Anthony Quintero greets his friend in Keith Mitchell's math class with a friendly hand shake. "It's nice to relax and talk to friends before the bell rings in first hour," said Quintero.

➔ Freshman Austin Roberts struggles with homework and freshman Robert Stelk comes to the rescue. "The assignment was really confusing, but Austin needed my help so I did the best I could to give my friend a helping hand," said Stelk.



Kira Lisle
Stephanie Lockhart
Adrian Lopez
Jacklyn Lopez
Jazmin Lopez

Teliya Loudener
Caroline Loughren
Oscar Magallanes
Janiwa Magee
Megan Mann

Lily Maravilla
Marcus Marsenic
Michael Marsenic
Kevin Matson
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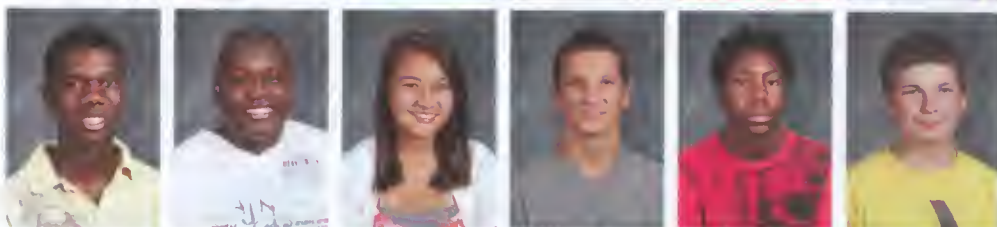
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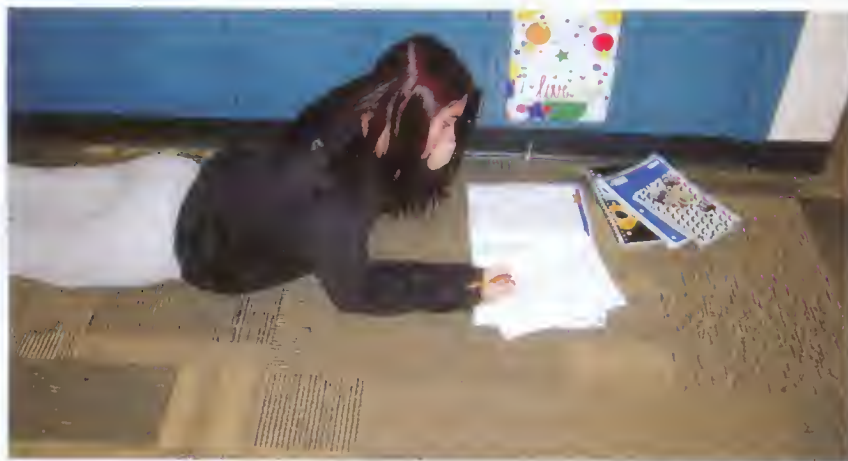
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Serena Reese



Taylor Reynolds
Anissa Rivera
Jeremy Robbins
Austin Roberts
Calvin Robertson
William Robinson



➔ Inside of Laura North's science class it's chaos, but outside in the hall Miranda Coccoaro tried to finish her homework. "I was trying to do my homework but everyone was being really loud, so I went in the hall," said Coccoaro.

➔ While sitting in Brittany Kodie's biology class, freshmen Blake Mequier and Gabriella Endres take notes on this weeks lesson. "It was pretty difficult to understand what we were learning, but I got extra help from my teacher, so now I can pass the class," said Endres.

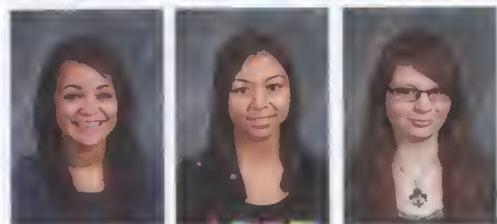




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Cristian Sanchez
Boris Sanders
Treasure Sanders
Javier Santos



Joseph Shapiro
Kyla Shelton
Kailey Shepard
Ashlie Shipp
Brian Sibley



Alissa Sims
Jasmin Singh
Laura Slayton



➔ While doing book work in textiles, freshman Arlynn Corona sits with her older sister Alexys Corona. "I like this class because I can be creative, and it gives me a chance to see my sister during school," said Corona.

➔ Focusing on getting the job done, freshman Anthony Murphy works hard in his personal finance class. "It's an effective class because it prepares you for when you're older and have to pay taxes," said Murphy.

Summer Expectations



"I'm doing everything this summer. I'm going to Florida and Washington D.C., I'm also playing volleyball, plus I'm celebrating my sweet 16!"

Alissa Sims, 9



"This summer I plan on working out, going to a lot of football and basketball camps, and getting a summer job."

Deshawn Anderson, 9



"I'm going to have cheer practice and hopefully will be going to VCA summer cheer camp in July. Outside of cheer, I will swim a lot and go to Florida."

Teliya Loudinberg, 9

➔ Thao Hoang works on her newest painting project in her art class. "She was painting a house for a newer project called 'Homeover Grown'." said art teacher Patricia Sadler. Hoang enjoys going to this class everyday and expressing herself through art.



➔ Concentrating on making sure her stitching is perfect, freshman Kailey Shepard works on her new textiles project. "I like textiles because you can be creative while learning how to do something that may come in handy later in life," said Shepard.



➔ While sitting at lunch, a group of freshmen know how to keep the conversation interesting. "Lunch is the best part of the day. I really enjoy eating and talking to my friends," said freshman Ricky Nunez.



Charelle Smith
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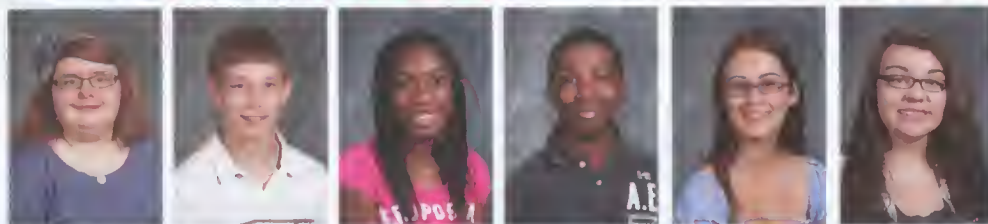


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Hannah Villa
Nathaniel Vuckovich
Antonia Walker
Daniel Walker
Kayla Walsh
Brianne Ward



Nonye Washington
Briana Webb
Brody Welk
Paige White
Antonio Williams
Darail Williams



Domanique Williams
Leandra Wimmer
Amir Wright
Rebekah Wright
Joshua Zoran



➔ Before lunch freshman Cierra Oliver puts away her books from personal finance class. "This class teaches us how to do our finances for the future for when we're adults," said Oliver.

➔ Outside of Laura North's science class, freshman Oscar Magallenes sits by the lockers nearby doing makeup homework. "I like this class even though at times it can get boring, but I still learn a lot," said Magallenes.

➔ Jamie Thomas



Jamie Thomas enjoys the band *Five For Fighting*, and his favorite song by them is "100 Years." Thomas also enjoys something not everyone would think of off the top of their head, hip hop dancing. He's been dancing for a year and has practice twice a week. "I was inspired to start dancing by *Victor King and Cyrus Glitch*," said Thomas. Although he commits a lot of time to dancing, he always makes sure that he has time to finish his homework and keep his grades up. "I love to dance but I care about my grades as well," said Thomas. After school he dances to keep himself busy and do what he loves.



At Griffith High School, almost every student at one point during their high school career was required to fundraise in order to raise money for something they wanted. If students are in sports, they have to sell food, programs, or T-shirts to raise money to buy new equipment and uniforms. The swimming and diving team sold cake rolls to help pay for their spirit wear and to buy new swimsuits for the season. Also, students in clubs fundraise to gain money to buy everything they need. International club sold wreaths at Christmas time and beads during Mardi Gras to raise money for their lunch-ins. "Raising money for the club by selling beads and wreaths really helps keep the club going and keeps it operational," said junior Madeline Gee.

Panther Press and the *Reflector* staff had to sell advertisements in order to afford the cost of the yearbook and newspaper. Yearbook and newspaper also participated in the event "Pay It Forward", which was sponsored by Herff Jones. During "Pay It Forward", both staffs gave back to the school by helping others. Members continued this event for a few weeks, helping to keep the school clean by simply picking up paper off the floor and trying to brighten students' days. Members also placed post-its around the school with random compliments.

Students see advertisements every day in the GHS hallways. There are always flyers on the walls concerning a club or sport fundraising to reach a monetary goal in order to pay for necessary equipment or supplies. Some advertisements are used to keep students informed about upcoming events.

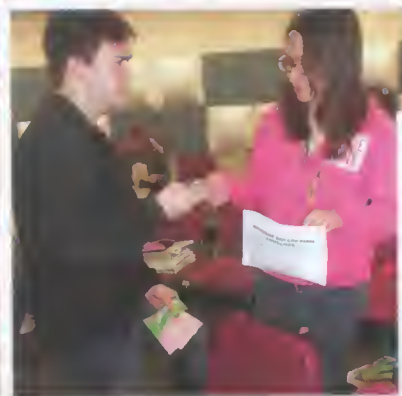
Fundraising and advertising is not the most pleasant way a student spends their free time, but students have to sell items to receive what they want in the end. The money clubs or sports receive benefits the students. All the hours the students put into fundraising and advertisements pay for various field trips and necessary equipment. For example, the band sold candy during the month of February in order to raise enough money to go on a field trip in which they would compete in a competition. Actors and actresses that belong to the drama club were asked to sell flowers in order to pay for expenses that are associated with putting on a production, such as costumes, props and sets. In addition to the actors and actresses, members of the hair and make-up crew sold candy and chocolates of different brands such as Butterfinger, Three Musketeers, Snickers, and Skittles in order to make sweet money for the drama department.

Raising money is a mandatory aspect of many clubs and sports. Students understand this concept and are willing to work hard for field trips and new equipment that members of these organizations will benefit from for years to come.

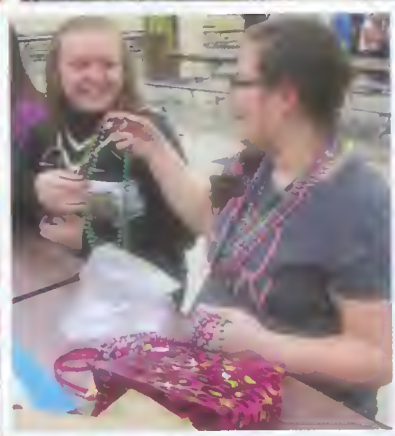


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Josh Kime, 11 & Breanna Sanchez, 11



Jillian Benipain, 9 & Riley Hendron, 9



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On December 6, National Honor Society hosted the showing of the movie *Elf* in the auditorium. It was a five dollar donation to get in, or free admission if the students brought a toy. NHS raised \$434 for First Steps, a family organization. Seniors Janelle Owczarzak and Cindy McInerney were collecting the money from seniors Alex Page and Krystal Mendoza to get in the auditorium to see the movie. "I enjoyed helping out the families that were less fortunate," said Owczarzak.



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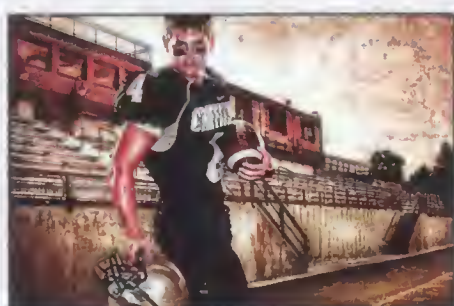


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Jesse Yarnelle



Jesse, you have become a young woman your family can look up to. You are someone that people can rely on, trust, and respect. You have a good sense of right and wrong, and know deep down the good in others, and the good in yourself. You have a bright new future ahead of you; let your life begin, let your spirit guide you, always listen to that inner voice of reason.

Love you Peachez,
Mom, Dad, Colin and Troy



Emma Blackard

A daughter is someone you laugh with, dream with... and love with all your heart. I am so lucky to be your mom and to share this life with you. One day you will see yourself through my eyes and know how truly awesome I know you are, and how I know all your dreams will come true.

Love, Mom



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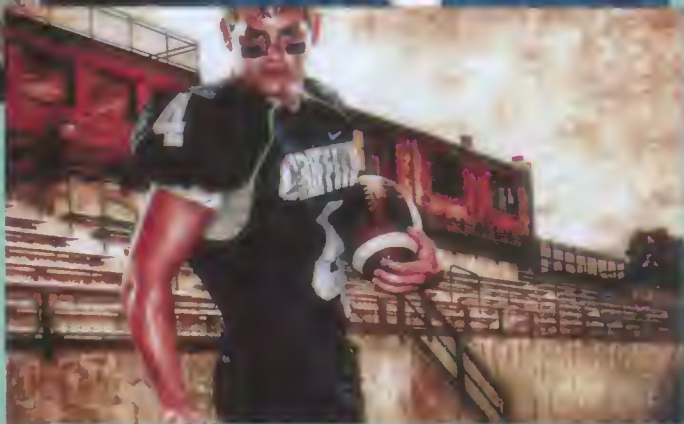
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Brett Brinkley

Brett Edward Brinkley,

We couldn't be more proud of you and your many accomplishments throughout your school years. You have truly grown into a very amazing, young man. Your genuineness, as well as your kind and caring personality have made you who you are today. We know you will continue to do great things in this world. We are very honored to call you our son, and your sisters couldn't have asked for a better brother. We love you and wish you a lifetime of success and happiness.

Dad, Mom, Kiki and Brookie



Brian Corrie

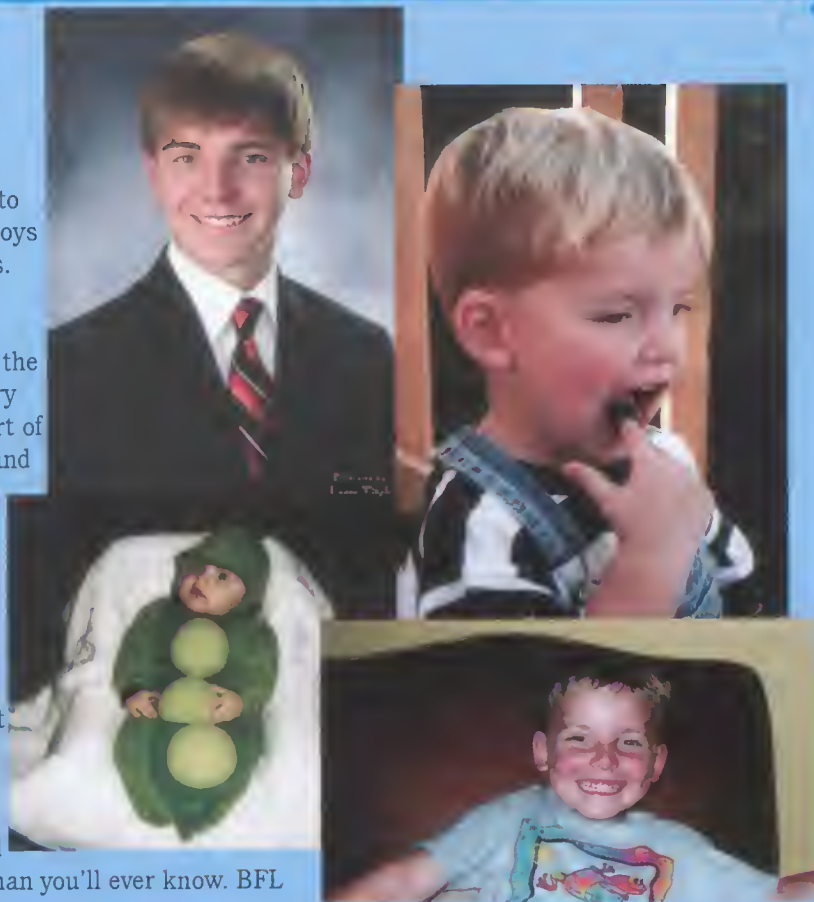
Brian,

When you were born, we knew we had a little boy, but we never imagined you would grow up to become such an amazing man. What are little boys made of? Snakes and snails and puppy dog tails. What are men made out of? Ambition and pride and love for life! Once you were just an adventurous little boy, but you have grown into the most wonderful son a parent could ask for. Every day we are thankful that we are able to be a part of such a hard-working and dedicated man's life, and even more thankful that he happens to be our son.

As a parent, all you hope for is that your child grows up to be happy and healthy, but often there are other surprises that fill your life with joy as well: the first day of school, the first drive without us by your side, dances, graduation, college, and so much more. Without you in our lives as our son, we would not feel complete.

Every day we are proud to be called your parents. Your compassion, intellect, humor, and love are infinite gifts to us. We love you more than you'll ever know. BFL always!

Love Mom & Dad



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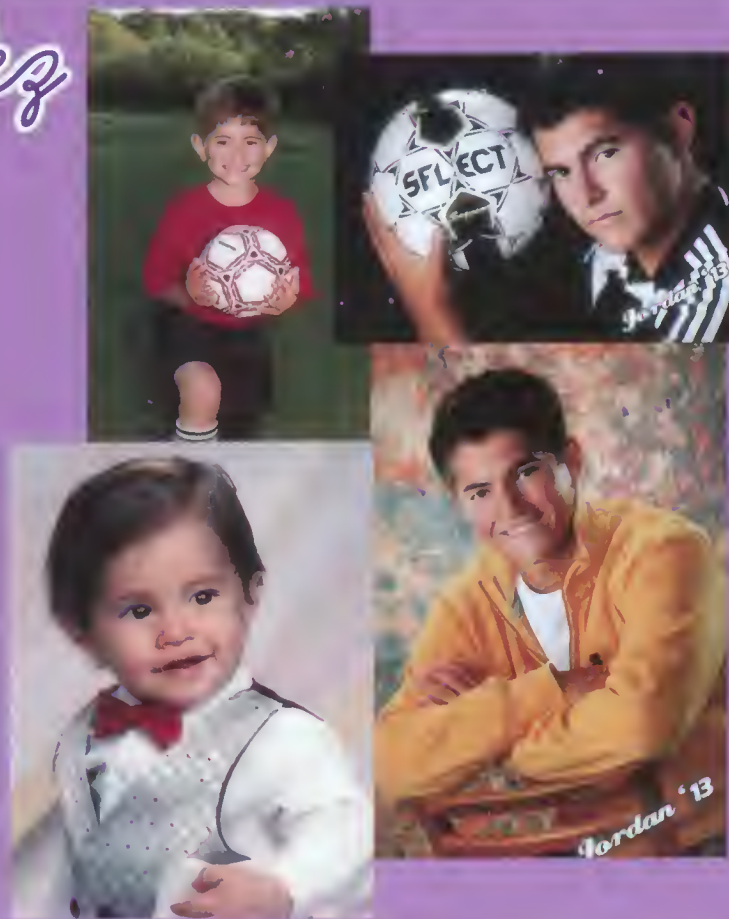
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Jordan Gonzalez

Jordan,

"You're growing up so fast!" How many times have we said it without really seeing that you are no longer a little boy but a wonderful young man? As you finish your high school years and move on to another chapter in your life, we want to wish you the best of luck. Continue to work hard and you will achieve all your goals. We are so proud of you and are always here to provide support and guidance with love. Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

Love Mom, Dad and Josh



Janelle Owczarzak

We hope you will always...



cry a little



laugh a lot



have fun



be a little crazy



wish big



keep in touch



love



be courageous



succeed



be part of us

It has truly been a joy watching you grow into a beautiful young woman. We're so very proud of you, Janelle!

Love, Dad, Mom, Olivia & Chewy

Khristian Ayala

Khristian Ismael Ayala,

Parece que fue ayer cuando por primera vez tome tu mano y te deje en el jardin escolar, hoy el tiempo ha pasado mas rapido de lo que nosotros esperabamos y terminas tu escuela superior. Recuerda que, los valientes se atreven a superar obstaculos, creer en si mismos y ver mas alla de los problemas, afrontar los retos que la vida misma te de.

Con dios presente en tu vida, todo marchara mejor, No veas atras y ve siempre adelante, nunca piedras la fe, nosotros tu familia, estaremos para celebrar tus logros y ofrecerte siempre nuestro respaldo cuando tengas algun tropiezo, mas el unico responsable de realizar lo se proponga y llegar a la meta eres tu. Te amamos nunca lo olvides.

Tu padres, Guillermo y Claudia Patricia

Tu hermanas
Daniella, Olivia y Genesis



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JT Long

Dear Best 4,

Jordan means "one who rules" and you have ruled our hearts and minds from the minute you were born!

Your crazy humor, witty charm, and intense imagination have brought so much to not only our family, but all who know you. You have a commanding presence that demands to be noticed. You expect more. More out of others, but mostly yourself. We embraced the challenge of parenting someone with more compassion, spirit, intelligence, passion and determination than most. We are proud to have watched you succeed in channeling all these qualities to do and become all you've ever set your mind to.

You know who you are. You know how to get what you want.

Thank you, Best Bud, for all the wonderful memories and learning experiences you have given us. We are better because of you. Now go out there and Rule the World!

Love, Dad, Mom & the "J" Crew



Andrew Rothchild

Andrew,

We are so very proud of you. You are a shining example of what a team captain and team leader is all about. With your drive and passion on and off the field, we know you will go far as you begin this next journey in your life. We love you very much.

Love, Dad and Mom



Austin Brown

Congratulations on all that you have achieved. We are so proud of your academic and athletic accomplishments. You have always been very determined, confident and showed others respect and kindness. We love you very much and look forward to what the future holds for you. Success is within you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Aaron, Caroline and Molly



Ben Parish

Ben,

As you close this chapter of your life, we hope you know how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. We wish only the best for you as you move forward into the next phase of your life. We love you and believe in who you have become.

Love, Papa, Gramma,
Dad, Tammy, Ashley,
Abbi, Erica & Duke



Brooke Pospychala

It's hard to believe that our beautiful baby girl is graduating! Kind, caring, sweet, gorgeous, smart, persistent, loving, funny, ambitious... You have so many wonderful traits, and we are so incredibly proud of you! Wherever you go, and whatever you do, others will be blessed by having you.

Love you always-
Mom, Dad, Kristen,
Luke and Max



Miryea Cisneros

To our beloved daughter-
Congratulations as we are very proud
of your accomplishments. As you
transition to your collegiate career,
remember to always harbor closely to
your heart, your lifelong aspiration to
achieve your greatest potential as we
look forward to the moment and also
celebrating your continued and future
success with you.



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Caylee Adams

Caylee, it seems like only
yesterday we took you
to kindergarten and now
you are graduating high
school. We have enjoyed
watching you grow into
the young lady you are
today, and we are so
proud of you. Good luck
with all your new
adventures and remember
how much we love you.
Keep smiling, and always
be happy!

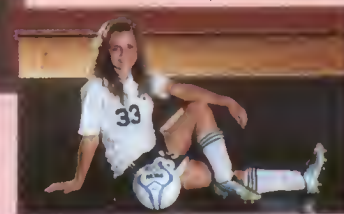
Love, Mom, Dad,
Jacob & Buster



Stephanie Younker

Stephanie,
Congratulations! We are
very proud of you! Your
many accomplishments,
the person you have
grown into and the
beautiful young woman
you are. You hold the
future in your hands,
there is nothing you will
not be able to accomplish.
You are sure to do
amazing things. We will
always be there to
support and love you.

Love, Mom and Dad



Shannon Kunka

Shannon,

From the days of jumping on the bed, to jumping on the trampoline, then jumping off the diving board, now you are jumping into the next chapter of your life. You set your goals high and were not afraid to work toward achieving those goals. We can't wait to see your pictures become reality. Congratulations on your graduation.

We are so proud of you.

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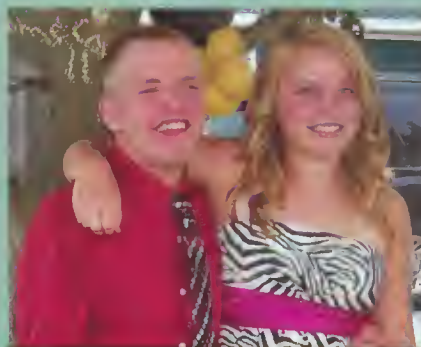
Love, Mom, Dad, Stephen,
G-ma and G-pa



James Leslie

James, there is not enough room in this yearbook to contain the words describing how proud we are of you and how much we love you. Congratulations on overcoming all of the odds and not only graduating but getting your Core 40! We love you, Beautiful Mom and Booger Hair Dad.

From Jessica: I'm proud of you for doing so well in school and getting dates for all of the dances. From Michelle: I told you, "Nothing is too hard! Just be the best James you can be." From Carole and Adam: You've shown that you can overcome anything; when things seem too hard or you can't do it, look back and remember that if you really want to do something, you can! We're so proud of you, and GPTB...



Julia Saberniak

Julia, it is hard to believe my little girl has grown up to be such a beautiful, caring, most lovable young lady. Always know I am so very proud of your dedication and determination to reach your goals. You will be great at IUN starting your journey of becoming a doctor. Your brother and sister have an awesome role model to look up to. Pappi and I love you more than anything!!!

Remember who you are!

Love you, Mommy, Pappi,
Timmy, and Anna



Stacy Weber

Congratulations, Stacy! You have worked so hard to get where you are right now, but all the hard work will pay off for your future. We have no doubt you will continue to accomplish many things. We will support you and be there for you always.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Eric



Patrick Weber

Congratulations, Patrick! You have accomplished much in the face of adversity. Remember you can achieve anything you set your mind to. We will support you in whatever you decide. We will always be here if you need us.

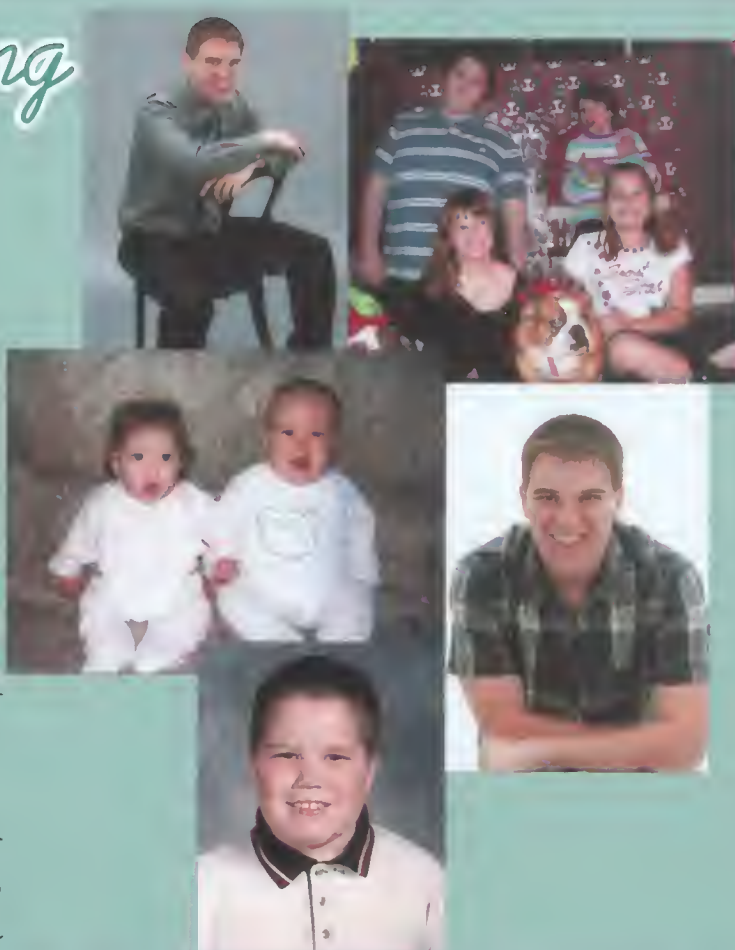
Love, Mom, Dad, and Eric



Joseph Armstrong

As our oldest child approaches a new chapter in his life, we are so proud of the man you are becoming and overjoyed with the accomplishments you have made. You approach life with the understanding that it is what you make it and have made our lives complete. You have far exceeded any expectations we had of you. We wish you well in your upcoming journeys and happiness to last a lifetime. Always know your father and I are never out of reach, with much love to one of the greatest accomplishments in our lives.

Love, Mom and Dad
& very proud sisters, Miranda,
Brooke and Marissa



Zach Grin

Congratulations, Zachary, on your high school graduation! It has been such a great pleasure watching you grow from a sweet little boy to a kind, respectful and compassionate young man. We are so proud of you and excited to see where your future takes you!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Taryn, and Carson



Destiny Barajas

Congratulations! It has been a pleasure to see you grow into a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you and everything that you have accomplished. We love you.

Love, your family



Anna Steinhubel

Anna,
The years went by in a flash but you remained focused. You are a picture of a caring, responsible, and loving young woman. Now only wonderful things will develop for you in all your experiences. The future is yours to capture. Go get 'em kiddo.

Love, Mom and Dad



Taylor Louie

Taylor, we are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. May you continue to excel in life and surprise us with your achievements. May you lead life with your heart and follow your dreams. Have fun and good luck!

Love, your family



Taylor Louie

Taylor, thank you for taking me through this fabulous journey watching you grow from that precious little girl in the frilly dress to running across the football field as varsity manager. You have made us proud of all your many accomplishments and can't wait to celebrate all the many good things to come as you follow your dreams. We love you with all our hearts and always remember you are your mother's child and she is always with you!

Love, your
Grandma
& loving
family



Sarah McGivney

Congratulations to my oldest daughter, my first born, Sarah Anne McGivney. I am so proud of you and your achievements and so very much looking forward to many more. You were always a perfect child and now you are a perfect graduate! I love you.

Congrats, Mommy



Jeanette Salazar

We are so proud of the beautiful young lady that you have turned out to be. We believe you can do anything you put your mind to. Congratulations on your achievements. We love you with all our hearts!

Love, Daddy, Kelly,
Lilyana & Mason



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Julie Dunnjak

Juliana... you are my sunshine. It feels like yesterday we were singing this song to you. We look at you and see what a sweet, beautiful and caring young lady you are. You make me happy when skies are gray... you always make us smile and laugh with all the silly things you do. You'll never know dear, how much I (we) love you... you are so special and have made it so easy for us as parents. Please don't take my sunshine away... we are going to miss you when you leave for school, but you know we are always here for you. It is time for you to shine and make your mark on the world! Set your goals high and reach for the sky! We love you,

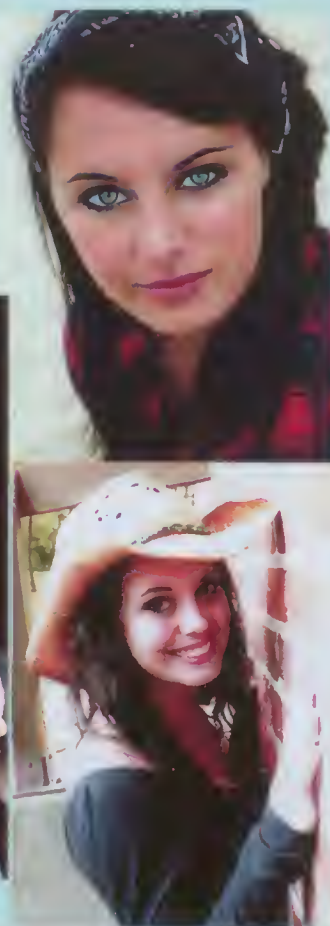
Mom, Dad, Zack, Noah,
Chelsea and Oliver



Bri-Anne Andriessen

Way to go, Bri! Good luck at college!

Love, Mom, Savannah, Gram, Nana,
Darrell, Asia, Dad, Noell, Bella, Jet & Sadie



Alex Diaz

Your family loves you. We are proud of you for being you. Thanks for always being an original. You have always stayed true to yourself and that's what will make you a rock star! You will succeed at whatever you do.

Love, Mom



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Alyssa Melchor

Remembering those big green eyes looking at me for a hug, wondering why I had just scolded her. So many cherished memories I have of your youth. We have been through a lot over the years. Now thinking where did the time go, I always thought I would have you under my wing protecting you from the world. Now look at you all grown up. I am so blessed for having such a beautiful, wise little woman. I am so proud of you; you have come a long way. My baby is all grown up ready to go to college. I know you will achieve great things but remember there are always obstacles just stay strong and you will reach success. If I could only turn back time so I can hold you in my arms once again and look into your big green eyes and just have my little girl all to myself.

Love, Mom



Chelsea Scofield

To Our Angel,

From the moment you came into our lives, we have watched you grow into the amazing person you've become... From your first steps, to your first at bat, to your first concert, to your first play, you have tackled each accomplishment with undaunting courage. You have handled the 'drama' and heartache of your teen years with an unflappable resilience that is inspiring. You have always been self-motivated and made us proud with your outstanding grades and admirable choices. You've matured into a confident, vibrant young woman who is standing on the precipice of the next exciting journey in your life. As you go off to college to turn your passion for writing into a career in journalism, we look forward to your continued success. Always remember to hold on to that fairytale and one day your dreams will come true...

All Our Love,
Mom and Dad



Deziree' Walker

Dezi, since you were a baby, we knew that there was something special about you. It's been a joy to watch you blossom into an intelligent, talented and beautiful young lady, as we knew you would. Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad, Tre, Daniel and Deleah



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Preston Nelson

No matter where life leads you, no matter what you do, we'll always be your biggest fans, and we'll be here for you.

Love, Mom & Dad



Melissa Martinez

It seems like only yesterday that I walked you to Wadsworth for your first day of school. It is so hard to believe that you are now graduating. We have watched you grow into a beautiful, mature and responsible young woman. We couldn't be more proud of who you have become. Follow your dreams and reach for the stars. We love you dearly and will always be here for you.

Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Amber, Raymond & Geo



Melissa Martinez

We are so very proud of you! You are such an amazing young lady. We have many happy and fun memories to cherish with you. Good luck as you begin your new journey in life. We know that you will have tremendous success in anything that you set out to do. May all your hopes and dreams come true.

Love you always,
Tia Bertha, Uncle Frank,
Daniela, Marisa, Daniel,
Victor & Christian



Melissa Martinez

We are so proud of the beautiful young lady that you have become, not only on the outside but on inside as well. We love you so much. Remember no matter where you are, there will always be an ANGEL watching over you.

Love, Grandpa & Grandma Trevino



Jacob Loomis

Jacob,

We are so proud of you. We can't believe time has flown by and you are now graduating high school. So many memories come flooding back... from bringing our sweet baby boy home from the hospital, watching you do your "piggy face", taking you to your first day of kindergarten, you starting middle school, watching you practice ice hockey for the first time, your first varsity hockey game, you starting high school, screaming when you scored your first goal, screaming when you won state, watching your golf meets, getting ready for proms and turnabouts, starting your senior year, watching you grow from a boy to a man. You can do anything you want, be anything you want. This is your time now.

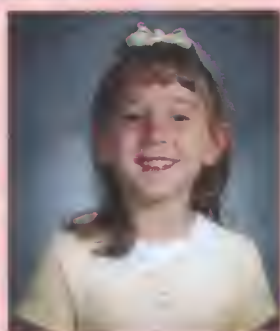
We love you so much,
Mom, Dad and Emma



Jackie Johns

Congratulations!
We are very proud of you and wish you all the luck in your future endeavours.

Love,
Mom & Mark



Emily Linders

Emily-

We are so proud of you and the young woman you have become. The world is in your hands to do whatever you want with it. Go out, find your dreams, and run with them. We love you!

XXOO

Mom, Dad, Dave,
Vanessa and Teddy



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A step in a new direction

A lifetime of recollection 2012-2013

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With the end of a school year, changes are evident among many individuals and things. The hallways start to buzz with talk about the summer days that lay ahead while students are excited to see what changes lay ahead within the next three months. These changes are what bring about the memories. In the many years to come one may not realize the exact moment that the rumors and gossip that were part of the high school experience will mean absolutely nothing but something to laugh about with old friends. For many though, the end of school marks a stepping stone in the high school chapter but for the senior class, it marks the last time one may see the 203 people that they have spent all four years with and have made countless memories.

As the student body hurries to study for their last finals of the school year, the realization of familiar things coming to an end surfaces while students leave their classrooms for the last time as the final bell rings. Students then take the much anticipated walk with their fellow students in front of many friends and family members as they receive their diplomas- a symbol of the late nights and many hours of studying that every student endured throughout the four years of high school.

Although, as one journey ends, a much larger one begins. Every student steps onto a path of their own personalized journey as the graduating class spreads

across the nation to further their education.

As the junior class watched the seniors depart for their next chapter, they soon realize that they are the next ones taking on the role of being a senior. Even though the junior class thought they "ran the school" during the famous Homecoming week, they instead experienced the ridicule of the seniors that is part of being in high school. They experienced the dreaded junior year where late nights were common and the hardest year of high school that they could not wait to get over with. Coming with the end of junior year, the students have to now figure out what they will do with their life after high school and start the college application process.

The sophomore class of 2015 finally saw their first group of boys and girls on turnabout court. Also known as the forgotten year, sophomores endure their second and final year as underclassman. With upperclassman status around the corner, they keep their heads up and progress through the long hours of homework and stressful tests that seem to never end while they will soon enjoy the perks of officially attending prom and being an upperclassman as the next school year begins.

Freshmen were let off easy this year as they did not have to experience the senior taunts but instead laid low and just took the year for a ride. As this year ends, they finish off their year of many firsts and experience more rigorous courses but continue to make memorable moments that they will remember forever.

As the 2012-2013 school year finally came to an end, many changes have occurred throughout the building like the "stylish lanyards and walking around the halls like 2 Chainz" and the wonderful door alarms that could be heard no matter where a student was in the building. Most importantly, no matter what graduating class a student is in, each class deals with memorable moments, drama, and craziness that happens throughout the halls of Griffith High School. Throughout it all, each class comes together and supports one another whenever it is needed, whether its a tragedy, celebration, or just getting enough energy to wake for school, GHS is a high school where every student can rely on one another.





On June 2, 2013, the class of 2013 assembled together in the main gym for their last time as a class at the commencement ceremony. Principal Bill Cope presented the graduating class to Dr. Peter Morikis and the rest of the school board before the diplomas were handed out. "It is such a bittersweet feeling knowing that I am now an official graduate of Griffith High School. I am going to miss seeing my close friends everyday and how close our class was, but I know the next chapter of my life will be worth it," said senior Andrew Fowler.

Colophone

Reflector Volume 72 was printed by Herff Jones at 2525 Midpoint Drive, Edwardsville, Kansas. Early yearbook orders cost \$70, but the price rose to \$85 as the year went on. Our theme was "A Step in a New Direction, but a Lifetime of Recollection," and throughout the book we focused on the new changes that school underwent while also preserving the memories the students made to round out their year during 2012 and 2013.

All theme pages, including end sheets, the title page, the opening, the closing, section dividers, and the colophone were designed by editor Caylee Adams. The sections of the yearbook, Student Life, Academics, Clubs, Sports, and People, were designed by editors Caylee Adams, Chelsea Scofield, and Alyssa Melchor and the Business and Ads section was designed by Sara Joyce. The cover of the yearbook was designed by Caylee Adams and the yearbook class and the Herff Jones yearbook representative, Betty Samples. Samples was a huge part in the success of the production of the yearbook and without her, the 2013 yearbook would not be possible. The story font is AHJ Calgary and the secondary font is AHJ Baskerville. The accent cursive font is AHJ Arizona. All three font families were used throughout the book.

All pages were submitted using ePage and designed with Adobe InDesign CS4 and Adobe Photoshop programs. Photos were shot using digital cameras and uploaded to the Apple Macintosh computers. Larry Titak Photography in Schererville, Indiana, shot senior and faculty portraits, as well as club group shots and sports team photographs. Underclassmen photos were taken by Interstate Studio.

The goal of this book was to preserve the memories of students in their high school career so that one day in the far future, students will be able to reflect on their memories and experiences within these short four years.

Lastly, the *Reflector* staff would like to send a special thank you to Mrs. Collard, who guided us and supported us throughout the entire making of this book. The seniors will greatly miss her along with her advice and encouragement, but will always remember what she taught them as we further our education. We wish her the best in years to come.



Letter from the Editor



After four years of many projects, papers, and homework assignments and the additional practices and meetings in between, it is safe to say that my high school journey is finally over with. I was introduced to journalism my freshman year and joined the *Reflector* staff the beginning of sophomore year where I started off as a reporter and eventually took on the role of being in charge of index by the end of sophomore year. Junior year I was promoted to business manager where I dealt with all the yearbook orders, advertisements, and senior personals that were put in the yearbook. Doing this job on my own and learning the in's and out's without much help due to Mrs. Collards maternity leave helped prepare me for my role on staff now. As senior year rolled around, I had the honor of being Editor-in-Chief of the 2012-2013 yearbook. Throughout my year here, countless hours have been spent in H124 (journalism lab) which has almost become my home away from home as I spent after school designing pages and sending pages out. It's a crazy thought knowing I will never step foot in this room again but I am beyond ready to start the next chapter of my life down at Indiana University Bloomington while I study Speech and Hearing Sciences. I know for a fact that as I leave Griffith High School, I will miss the Class of 2013 and all the memoirs we shared in our AP classes and during homecoming week, but I will not forget how we acted as a class and came together as one group. As my high school chapter ends, I would like to thank all of my teachers that have had such an influence on me and pushed me to become the student that I am today, but most importantly I want to thank Mrs. Collard. She always encouraged me to never give up and was always there for me and the yearbook staff when we needed someone to talk to. I could not thank her enough for being the great advisor she was, teacher and helping hand whenever we needed it.

Sincerely,
Caylee Adams

Letter from Chelsea & Alyssa



With much anticipation in the past four years, I can finally say that I've completed high school. I can truly say that The *Reflector* has had the most impact on me and held the greatest memories compared to the other aspects of high school. I have always enjoyed writing and interviewing since I was a child, but this class has helped me realize that reporting is not just a hobby of mine, but a passion as well. After taking Journalism my freshman year, I joined the yearbook staff as a reporter my sophomore year and was later promoted to the Clubs Section Design Editor during my junior year. I moved on to become one of the three editors of the 2013 yearbook, along with Alyssa Melchor and Caylee Adams. We worked together to brainstorm ideas and design every spread included in this book. As I leave Griffith High School and continue my next journey at Ball State University to study magazine Journalism, I wish to thank Mrs. Collard for supporting me and helping me with each and every obstacle. She played a large role in my decision to pursue Journalism and I couldn't thank her enough for that.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Scofield

After four long years, my chapter of high school has finally come to an end. I took Journalism during first semester of my freshman year and then second semester of that same year, I joined the *Reflector* Staff. Sophomore year on staff was the year when I became best friends with Chelsea Scofield. For junior year I became the Academics Design Editor. Then once senior year came along I became one of the three editors of the yearbook with Chelsea Scofield and Caylee Adams. The three of us worked really hard and tried our best to make this book perfect. Being apart of the yearbook staff is my favorite memory of high school. I have always been interested in writing ever since elementary school and when Mrs. Collard introduced me to Journalism I knew it was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I will be going to IUN in the fall to major in Business and take all the basic classes since they do not have Journalism classes there, but later I plan to go down to IU Bloomington to major in Journalism. I am excited for the future, but I will miss what I am leaving. I would also like to thank Mrs. Collard for always being a amazing advisor and for always being there when we needed her.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Melchor





Reflector

2012-2013 Staff

With a staff of 23 students, we successfully made it through another year of meeting deadlines, designing pages with only three designers, and editing to finally produce a book of 208 pages. The focus of The Reflector was to preserve the changes that each individual went through and the memories one made in the 2012-2013 school year.



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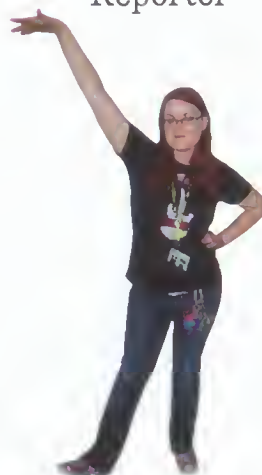


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